# Newfoundland Club of America Water Rescue Dog Excellent Test

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## Search for Abandoned Boat
**Suggested Time Limit:** 3 minutes
- The dog does not wait for the handler's command to start the search for the hidden line.
- The dog does not commit to swimming depth within 20 seconds of the handler’s first command.
- The dog does not swim directly to the boat (the dog may swim in a straight line, or in an arc, according to his/her instincts).
- The dog returns to wading depth and does not obey the redirect command given by the handler within 10 seconds.
- The dog swims back towards shore more than one time without having the boat in tow.
- The dog does not take the line and tow the boat to shore; does not beach the boat.

**Suggested Time Limit:** Three (3) minutes. Timing starts when the handler instructs the dog to begin.

## Multiple Person Rescue
**Suggested Time Limit:** 6 minutes
- The dog refuses to willingly board the boat.
- The dog and handler are not aboard and ready for departure within the thirty (30) second time limit.
- The dog anticipates and jumps before having been commanded to do so or is physically restrained by the handler.
- The dog refuses to jump from the boat within fifteen (15) seconds.
- The dog does not exit the boat from the platform or does not remain under control on the platform during the exercise.
- The dog does not swim directly to each victim.
- The dog swims back towards the boat without a victim in tow each time.
- The dog does not tow the victims directly back to the boat.
- The dog does not bring the victims close enough to the boat for handler contact.

**Suggested Time Limit:** Six (6) minutes are allowed to complete the entire exercise; however, the dog must jump within 15 seconds. The timing starts when the handler gives the first command for the dog to jump.

## Rescue of an Unconscious Victim
**Suggested Time Limit:** 2.5 minutes
- The dog refuses to jump from the boat within fifteen (15) seconds.
- The dog turns back and swims toward shore without completing the rescue.
- The dog graps to the victim too firmly, causing pain or potential injury, as indicated by the steward.

**Suggested Time Limit:** Two and one half (2.5) minutes. Timing starts when the handler gives the first verbal or hand signal command to the dog to begin the rescue.

## Rescue of a Victim From Under a Capsized Boat
**Suggested Time Limit:** 2 minutes
- The dog does not commit to swimming depth within 20 seconds of the handler’s first command.
- The dog begins the rescue without having been commanded to do so by the handler.
- The dog turns back toward shore after it has begun swimming toward the capsized boat.
- The dog does not swim under the capsized boat to rescue the victim.
- The dog returns to its wading depth without the steward.

**Suggested Time Limit:** Two (2) minutes.

## Delivery of a Line from a Stranded Boat to Shore
**Suggested Time Limit:** 3 minutes
- The dog refuses to willingly board the boat.
- The dog and handler are not aboard and ready for departure within the thirty (30) second time limit.
- The dog will not willingly take the line or bumper when commanded to do so by the handler.
- The dog anticipates and jumps before having been commanded to do so.
- The dog refuses to jump with the line or bumper in his mouth within fifteen (15) seconds.
- The dog does not exit the boat from the platform or does not remain under control on the platform during the exercise.
- The dog fails to deliver the line to the steward waiting on the shore.
- The dog begins swimming back towards the handler before delivering the line to the steward.

**Suggested Time Limit:** Three (3) minutes are allowed to complete the entire exercise; however, the dog must jump within 15 seconds. The timing starts when the handler gives the first command for the dog to take the line.

## Rescue of Victims Behind a Boat
**Suggested Time Limit:** 3 minutes
- The dog does not commit to swimming depth within 20 seconds of the handler’s first command.
- The dog turns back and begins swimming towards shore without a victim in tow after having been sent to rescue the calling stewards.
- The dog does not swim close enough to the victims so that they can take hold of the dog without losing their grip on the boat.
- The dog does not go directly back out to the boat to rescue the second calling steward within 20 seconds of the handler’s command (if the dog has opted not to bring in both victims at the same time).

**Suggested Time Limit:** Three (3) minutes. Timing starts when the handler commands the dog to begin the rescue.