

DOGS-East
OPEN WATER EVALUATION

Handler: _____ Dog: _____

Date: _____ Time start: _____ Time end: _____

Evaluation Site: _____ Weather conditions: _____

Handler Skill Score: _____	Dog Skill Score: _____	Team Skills Score: _____
Total Possible: _____	Total Possible: _____	Total Possible: _____

This dog team has PASSED / FAILED this evaluation.*

*Both dog and handler must pass 80% of the skills listed on the evaluation form as one of the criterion for passing this evaluation. Failure of any of the starred skills shall result in an automatic failure of entire test.

Describe the strengths and weaknesses of this team and provide recommendations to correct any weaknesses.

EVALUATORS _____

Handler Skills		Pass		Fail
1.	Did Handler arrive on time and have the appropriate gear to search?	P		F
2.	During the interview, did the Handler ask appropriate questions based upon the scenario?	P		F
3.	Did Handler outline an effective search strategy based on the search area, wind conditions, time of day, clues, and the scenario?	P		F
4.	Did Handler carry out described search strategy or make appropriate changes based on changing conditions/clues found?	P		F
5.	Did Handler demonstrate the ability to communicate using the radio, and communicate to base the coordinates of any clues and/or finds?	P		F
6.	Did Handler demonstrate the ability to navigate on water using map and compass?	P		F
*7.	Did Handler mark on his map his route of travel, wind direction, alerts, clues, and scent source location (if applicable)?	P		F
8.	Was Handler alert to visual clues?	P		F
*9.	Did Handler maintain control of his dog?	P		F
10.	Did Handler recognize his dog's alerts?	P		F
11.	Did the handler use a buoy to mark the area and give clear directions to the location of the scent source?	P		F
12.	Did the Handler give a reasonable POD and debriefing?	P		F
Dog Skills		Pass		Fail
1.	Was the dog focused during the search?	P		F
2.	Did the dog continue to search despite common distractions associated with the search environment: e.g., other boaters, livestock, wildlife, noise (Brief interest in permissible as long as it did not interfere with the orderly conduct of the search)?	P		F
3.	Did the dog give a recognizable alert?	P		F
*4.	Did the dog locate or set boundaries for each scent source?	P		F
Team Skills		Pass		Fail
*1.	Did the team cover the area effectively?	P		F
*2.	Do the dog and Handler make an effective team?	P		F