



*Community Boating, Inc.*  
*Boston*

## Windsurfing Yellow Test

### **Test and Course Description and Diagram:**

The yellow test is given on a yellow- or red-flag day and at the discretion of the dockmaster. The test is given on a yellow marked board **with a centerboard**. The size of the sail should be appropriate to the weight of the sailor - no children rigs (2.5-3.0) for adults.

The course for the yellow test will be a "slalom" course. Three marks (buoys) will be arranged in-line with the wind direction, windward to leeward. Marks will be 3-5 boat lengths apart (depending on conditions and other factors). The skipper should be **close-hauled** upwind and tack after rounding each mark. You should be on a run or broad reach **downwind** and gybe after rounding the middle and downwind marks.

You will perform several circuits of the course until the tester stops the skipper.

## Test Expectations:

You should exhibit:

- **Proper rigging:** The boom should be at the height of your shoulder.
- **Depart and arrive to the dock controlled and safely.**
- **Leaning out properly** - weight in balance with the sail.
- **Smooth tacks** - This will require that the board is close hauled, sail is closed, and has speed before tacking. The sailor should:
  - Hold the sail closed with the clew towards the stern.
  - Foot in front of the mast – as soon reaching iron
  - Smooth to the other side – stable and balanced
  - Bearing off controlled – leaning backwards
- **Safe, controlled gybes.** You should keep your weight at the back of the board – front foot becomes back foot – nose of your board comes out of the water. You should have power in your sail all the time.
- **Board control.** The sailor should be able to turn the board by shifting his or her weight from the windward to the leeward side

You should not:

- Make physical contact with other boats, unless the contact was completely unavoidable.
- Make contact or come within four mast lengths of any bridges.
- Run aground.
- Lose control of the sail, falling into the sail (leeward).
- Sail away from the course unless instructed by the tester.