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 <u>not</u>:

- 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.