CYA - LTR Program - Core Curriculum

Section & Weighting	Skill	Description	Skill Progression
Boat Handling (75%)	Tacking	Selecting a good place to tack, speed into the tack, boat flat prior to head to wind, body transfer across boat, hand exchange and simultaneous flattening.	Tack successfully in different wind speeds
			Tack from Close hauled to close hauled
			Roll Tack in light and medium winds
	Gybing	Speed going into the gybe, windward heel to steer, mainsheet trim to initiate the gybe, body transfer, hand exchange of tiller & mainsheet and simultaneous flattening.	Gybe successfully in different wind speeds
			Gybe from run to run
			Gybe from broad reach to broad reach
			Gybe from close reach to close reach
			Roll Gybe in light and medium winds
	Pointing	Pointing close to the wind without pinching and stalling	Reading the sails and balancing the boat
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	Downwind Sailing	Boat trim & lateral heel, crew position, sail trim, steering & boat trim for balance propulsion and direction	Sail & board trim for max speed and optimum controls settings
			Fore & aft trim
			Sail by the lee and with heel
	Reaching	Sail trim, boat balance and steering to surf and make a boat plane	Sail, board and control line trim
			Lateral and for & aft trim
			Steering through waves & riding waves
			Maintaining a boat on a plane
	Mark Rounding	Combining boat handling tactics and rules with boats or alone	Laylines to windward mark
			Change control line settings
			Optimize course to next mark
			Gybe mark – wide then close
			Lee mark – wide then close
	Starting	Combining acceleration, holding position, backing-up. Determing favoured end, using a transit and gauging current	Understand the time to sail a set distance & the length of the starting line
			Stop a boat, hold in position & then accelerate
			Use a transit
			Determine favoured end of the line
			Maneuver near other boats
			Start with clean air
Sailing Theory		Wind direction and flow over sails. Forces on a sailboat and why they move forward. How sail shape affects forces.	Wind, boat wind and apparent wind
		•	Hull shape, centerboard and rudder shape
		_	Understand how to adjust sail shape
			How sails 'work' upwind, reaching, running & by the lee

Racing	Understand four basic 'right-of-way' rules, mark rounding rules	Safety, fair sailing and 'right of way'
Rules	and penalties	
		Starboard over port
		Leeward over windward
		Clear ahead over clear astern
		Tacking boat stays clear
		Mark Rounding rules
		360 and 720 penalties
Race Organization	How races run, starting, course to be sailed and finishing line.	Pre-race, start, race & finish
		Sailing instructions, starting signals
		Mark order & finishing
		Signals for changing & shortening course
Strategy & Tactics	Strategic plan for a race. Effective tactics to react to situations and apply the racing rules on the race course.	Understand wind, current tide, local geography
		Understand how to implement strategic plan
		Understand how to apply rules
		Understand process tactical decisions