



**Training and examination guidelines VDWS e.V.
regarding the awarding of qualification certificates**

Discipline Wing

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§ 1 Basic licence wingsurfing

The Association of German Water Sports Schools (VDWS) issues Wing basic licences through its affiliated and recognised Wing schools. These licences represent a proof of competence for using Wings. All VDWS recognized water sports schools must ensure they follow the latest version of the basic licence regulations any time.

§ 2 Scope

The basic licence is an international certificate of competence, attesting acquired skills and knowledge. With regard to the selection of the area, it must be ensured that it is suitable for wingsurfing in terms of location and characteristics, in particular the local and legal framework conditions and restrictions must be observed.

§ 3 Duration of Training

Depending on previous knowledge, the training for the wingsurfing basic licence comprises 6 to 10 lessons in theory and practice.

§ 4 Admission

The examination for the wingsurfing basic licence for adults can be taken as from the age of 12.

§ 5 Examination Board

The VDWS SUP training and examination licence represents the qualification for running wing courses and conducting wingsurfing basic licence exams at a recognized VDWS memberschool. The school manager names an examiner for the conduct of exams. The examiner fixes time and location of the exam and communicates them sufficiently in advance. He/she is responsible for the correct implementation.

§ 6 Examination Procedure

The wingsurfing basic licence requires a practical and a theory exam. Parts of the practical exam can be conducted during the actual course.

Practical Examination

The practical test shall be carried out on a suitable wingsurfing board with centerboard in wind conditions of 2 to 5 Beaufort. The candidate passes the practical examination when he/she performs the required exercises and manoeuvres safely, clearly and with determination. Getting back to the starting point under normal wind and wave conditions is also part of the examination.

Theory Examination

For the theory exam the candidate has to fill in a questionnaire. The possible total and minimum score are indicated on the questionnaire. If the result is close to the minimum threshold, the examiner can decide to conduct an oral exam, based on similar questions from the other questionnaires. The exam can be repeated after an appropriate length of time.

§ 7 Examination Content

Practical Examination

Mounting and demounting your equipment, longboard & wing transport & storage, basic position, getting going, steering, 180° degree turn, jibe or tack, emergency stop, beating to windward, behaviour in special situations.

Theory Examination

Material and equipment, sailing theory, legal aspects, weather aspects, behaviour in nature and the environment, what to do in cases of emergency and deteriorating weather conditions, safety measures and safety equipment.

§ 8 Examination Result

The examiner shall establish and sign the record of the result of the examination. The exam is either “passed“ or “failed”. Both, theory and practice exam can be repeated. The water sports school will keep the examination papers.

§ 9 Awarding of the Basic Licence

The water sports school where the licence candidate has successfully passed the examination is responsible for issuing the basic licence. Only the association’s standardised VDWS basic licence templates may be used for issuing the licence. The wingsurfing basic licence must be signed by the examiner and stamped with the school stamp by the head of the watersports school.

§ 10 Participation of VDWS in Examination

VDWS is entitled to participate in the exams by means of members of the Board or the Team of Trainers. No prior registration needed.

§ 11 Replacement Licence

In case of replacement of lost basic licences by VDWS, the comment "replacement licence" shall be added to the new basic licence and confirmed with signature and date.

§ 12 Coming into Force

The VDWS wingsurfing basic licence regulation comes into force on the day of its publication.

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