

Qualification system for 2012 ILCA world championships

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Senior Worlds:

Basic Assumption: The North American Region will be allocated at least 9 berths to the 2012 Laser World Championship. The Canadian Yachting Association and US Sailing will each be permitted to allocate one berth by March 1, 2012. *CYA berth - Robert Davis; US Sailing berth - Rob Crane*

Overriding Rules:

1. Competitors qualify for the 2012 Laser World Championship through the first berth for which they are eligible. For example, a competitor who wins the Laser Mid-winters East and is first in the Laser Grand Prix rankings qualifies through the Mid-winters East berth.
2. In order to qualify for a berth at one of the ILCA-NA regattas listed below in Opportunity #1, the competitor must finish among the top-six ILCA-NA members, except that this rule will be relaxed to the top-nine for the North American Championship.

Qualification Opportunities:

1. Berths will be awarded at the following ILCA-NA major regattas subject to overriding Rule #2 with the following ranking:

- Two berths at the 2011 Laser North American Championship. *Clay Johnson, Chris Dold*
- One berth at the 2011 Laser U.S. National Championship. *Charlie Buckingham*

- One berth at the 2011 Laser Canadian National Championship. *Kyle Martin*
- One berth at the 2012 Miami OCR *Dave Wright*
- Two berths at the 2012 Laser Mid-winters East. *Lee Parkhill, Tom Ramshaw*

- Any additional berths awarded to the North American Region beyond the nine mentioned in the Basic Assumption above, will be allocated using the 2011 Laser Grand Prix rankings as of December 31, 2011. If necessary, these berths may be allocated to ensure that the ILCA-determined country quotas are satisfied.

Womens Radial Worlds:

Basic Assumption: The North American Region will be allocated at least 6 berths to the 2012 Radial World Championship. The Canadian Yachting Association will allocate one berth and US SAILING will allocate one berth by March 1, 2012. *CYA berth - Isabella Bertold; US Sailing berth - Claire Dennis*

Overriding Rules:

1. Competitors qualify for the 2012 Women's Radial World Championship through the first berth for which they are eligible.
2. In order to qualify for a berth at one of the ILCA-NA regattas listed below, the competitor must finish among the top-five female ILCA-NA members.

Qualification Opportunities:

1. Berths will be awarded at the following ILCA-NA major regattas subject to Overriding Rule #2 with the following ranking:

- Two berths at the 2012 Women's Radial North American Championship. *Paige Railey, Erika Reineke*

- Two berths at the 2012 Miami OCR. *Lisa Ross, Danielle Dube*

- Any berths beyond the six mentioned in the Basic Assumption above, not allocated through the Qualification Opportunities above, will be allocated using the 2011 Laser Grand Prix ranking as of December 31, 2011. If necessary, these berths may be allocated to ensure that the ILCA-determined country quotas are satisfied.

Mens Radial Worlds:

Basic Assumption: The North American Region will be allocated at least 6 berths to the 2012 Radial World Championship.

Overriding Rules:

1. Competitors qualify for the 2012 Men's Radial World Championship through the first berth for which they are eligible.

2. In order to qualify for a berth at one of the ILCA-NA regattas listed below, the competitor must finish among the top-five male ILCA-NA members.

Qualification Opportunities:

1. Three berths will be awarded at the 2011 Radial North American Championship subject to Overriding Rule #2. *Avery Fanning, Max Lopez, Conner Blouin*

2. Any berths beyond the six mentioned in the Basic Assumption above, not allocated through the Qualification Opportunities above, will be allocated using the 2011 Laser Grand Prix ranking as of December 31, 2011. If necessary, these berths may be allocated to ensure that the ILCA-determined country quotas are satisfied.

Standard Junior Worlds:

Basic Assumption: The North American Region will be allocated at least 5 berths to the 2012 Standard Junior World Championship.

Overriding Rules:

1. Competitors qualify for the 2012 Standard Junior World Championship through the first berth for which they are eligible.
2. In order to qualify for a berth at one of the ILCA-NA regattas listed below, the competitor must finish among the top twenty five male ILCA-NA members.

Qualification Opportunities:

1. Three berths will be awarded at the 2011 North American Championship subject to Overriding Rule #2. *Michael Zonnenberg, Ian Ikeda*
2. Any berths beyond the three mentioned in the Basic Assumption above, not allocated through the Qualification Opportunities above, will be allocated using the 2011 Laser Grand Prix ranking as of December 31, 2011. If necessary, these berths may be allocated to ensure that the ILCA-determined country quotas are satisfied.

Youth Radial Worlds:

Basic Assumption: The North American Region will be allocated at least 9 berths for males and 5 berths for females to the 2012 Radial World Championship.

Overriding Rules:

1. Competitors qualify for the 2012 Youth Radial World Championship through the first berth for which they are eligible.
2. In order to qualify for a berth at one of the ILCA-NA regattas listed below, the competitor must finish among the top-ten gender and age eligible ILCA-NA members.

Qualification Opportunities:

1. Berths will be awarded at the following ILCA-NA major regattas subject to Overriding Rule #2 with the following ranking:
 1. Three berths for males at the 2011 Radial North American Championship. *Avery Fanning, Malcolm Lamphere, Jeremy Herrin*

2. Three berths for females at the 2011 Radial North American Championship.

3. Any berths beyond the six mentioned in the Basic Assumption above, not allocated through the Qualification Opportunities above, will be allocated using the 2011 Laser Grand Prix ranking as of December 31, 2011. If necessary, these berths may be allocated to ensure that the ILCA-determined country quotas are satisfied.

Youth 4.7 Worlds:

Basic Assumption: The North American Region will be allocated at least 5 berths for males under 18, 3 berths for females under 18 and 3 berths for boys & girls under 16 to the 2012 Youth 4.7 World Championship.

Overriding Rules:

1. Competitors qualify for the 2012 Youth 4.7 World Championship through the first berth for which they are eligible.
2. In order to qualify for a berth at one of the ILCA-NA regattas listed below, the competitor must finish among the top-ten gender and age eligible ILCA-NA members.

Qualification Opportunities:

1. Berths will be awarded at the following ILCA-NA major regatta subject to Overriding Rule #2 with the following ranking:

1. Three berths for males at the 2011 4.7 North American Championship. *Jack Marshall, Adrian Vlastic, Graham Harney*

2. Three berths for females at the 2011 4.7 North American Championship. *Lola Bushnell, Haddon Hughes, Hannah Hughes*

3. Three berths for boys & girls under 16 at the 2011 4.7 North American Championship

4. Any berths beyond the six mentioned in the Basic Assumption above, not allocated through the Qualification Opportunities above, will be allocated using the 2011 Laser Grand Prix ranking as of December 31, 2011. If necessary, these berths may be allocated to ensure that

the ILCA-determined country quotas are satisfied.

Any other applications for entry will be ranked based on the date of the application on first come, first served basis.

Masters Worlds:

Basic Procedure: Approximately nine months before the start of the 2012 Master's Worlds, the ILCA will open an "application for entry" period for entry to the event. This period will run approximately 2 months during which time all sailors who wish to participate in the event MUST sign up. At the end of the application for entry period, the list of all North American sailors who have applied for entry will be returned to the ILCA-NA office for the purposes of verifying membership and ranking them to determine the order for offering a berth to the event. The ILCA-NA office will place all current ILCA-NA Class Members (who MUST be current (2012 dues paid) no later than the date the application entry period closes) into one of the five groups listed below. The overall ranking will be by group and, within any group, by order of application for entry.

NOTE: to qualify for entry in Groups 1, 2, 3, or 4, sailors MUST submit to the ILCA-NA office, via email to sherri@odmsail.com , evidence of the event and finish position for the group to which they belong. Sailors failing to send this information to the ILCA-NA Office by the end of the application for entry process will be placed into Group 5.

NOTE: Sailors who will achieve their 35th birthday in time to be eligible for a Masters' World Championship, but too late to qualify through any of the major North American Masters' events may substitute their finishes in any of the equivalent major North American events.

Group 1: Sailors who, within the past 5 years, were the champions in their division at a Masters Worlds, a Masters North American Championship, a Masters US Championship, a Masters Canadian Championship, the Masters Midwinters East or were the overall champions in their division of the Florida Masters Week.

Group 2: Sailors who have attended a Masters World Championship within the past five years.

Group 3: Sailors who have competed, and finished in the top 80% of their division, in the most recent Masters North American Championship, Masters US Championship, Masters Canadian Championship, Masters Midwinters East, Florida Masters Week, California Masters, Masters Pacific Coast Championship, Masters Great Lakes Championship, Masters Atlantic Coast Championship, Masters Gulf Coast Championship, Masters No Coast Championship, Chesapeake Bay Masters Championship or Masters New England Championship.

Group 4: Sailors who have competed in an ILCA-NA Grand Prix event (Laser or Radial) within the past year and finished in the top 80% of their fleet.

Group 5: Any current ILCA-NA Master sailor who wishes to attend the event.

Unused berths after the entry period expires: If, after the regular entry process has begun, the ILCA indicates there are more berths available, and there are no ILCA-NA sailors remaining in the five groups above, then further entries will be considered on a first come, first serve basis.