

Qualification system for 2017 ILCA World Championships Announced

Senior Worlds:

Basic Assumption: The North American Region will be allocated at least 8 berths to the 2017 Laser World Championship. Sail Canada and US Sailing will each be permitted to allocate one berth by February 1, 2017.

Overriding Rules:

- 1) Competitors qualify for the 2017 Laser World Championship through the first berth for which they are eligible. For example, a competitor who wins the Laser North Americans and is first in the Laser Grand Prix rankings qualifies through the North American 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:

1. Three berths at the 2016 Laser North American Championship. *Chris Barnard, Erik Bowers, Max Gallant*

2. Two berths at the 2016 Laser U.S. National Championship. *Henry Marshall, William Marshall*

3. One berth at the 2016 Laser Canadian National Championship. *Austin Ross*

2) Any additional berths awarded to the North American Region beyond the eight mentioned in the Basic Assumption above, will be allocated using the 2016 Laser Grand Prix rankings as of December 31, 2016. 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 2017 Radial World Championship. Sail Canada and US SAILING will allocate one berth by February 1, 2017.

Overriding Rules:

1) Competitors qualify for the 2017 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:

1. Three berths at the 2016 Radial US National Championship. *Sarah Douglas, Anna Weis, Corrine Peters*

2. Three berths at the 2016 Radial North American Championship. *Haddon Hughes, Lindsey Baab, Charlotte Rose*

2) Any berths beyond the six mentioned in the Basic Assumption above, not allocated through the Qualification Opportunities above, will be allocated using the 2016 Laser Grand Prix ranking as of December 31, 2016. 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 2017 Radial World Championship.

Overriding Rules:

1) Competitors qualify for the 2017 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 2016 Radial North American Championship subject to Overriding Rule #2.

2) Any berths beyond the six mentioned in the Basic Assumption above, not allocated through the Qualification Opportunities above, will be allocated using the 2016 Laser Grand Prix ranking as of December 31, 2016. If necessary, these berths may be allocated to ensure that the ILCA-determined country quotas are satisfied.

Standard Under 21 Worlds:

Basic Assumption: The North American Region will be allocated at least 5 berths to the 2017 Standard Junior World Championship.

Overriding Rules:

1) Competitors qualify for the 2017 Standard Under 21 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 2016 North American Championship subject to Overriding Rule #2.

2) Any berths beyond the five mentioned in the Basic Assumption above, not allocated through the Qualification Opportunities above, will be allocated using the 2016 Laser Grand Prix ranking as of December 31, 2016. If necessary, these berths may be allocated to ensure that the ILCA-determined country quotas are satisfied.

Radial Women Under 21 Worlds:

Basic Assumption: The North American Region will be allocated at least 5 berths to the 2017 Radial Women Under 21 World Championship.

Overriding Rules:

1) Competitors qualify for the 2017 Radial Women Under 21 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 female ILCA-NA members.

Qualification Opportunities:

1) Three berths will be awarded at the 2016 North American Championship subject to Overriding Rule #2.

2) Any berths beyond the five mentioned in the Basic Assumption above, not allocated through the Qualification Opportunities above, will be allocated using the 2016 Laser Grand Prix ranking as of December 31, 2016. 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 17 berths for males and 8 berths for females to the 2017 Radial World Championship.

Overriding Rules:

1) Competitors qualify for the 2017 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 regatta subject to Overriding Rule #2 with the following ranking:

1. Six berths for males at the 2016 Radial North American Championship
2. Three berths for females at the 2016 Radial North American Championship

2) Any berths beyond those mentioned in the Basic Assumption above, not allocated through the Qualification Opportunities above, will be allocated using the 2016 Laser Grand Prix ranking as of December 31, 2016. 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 9 berths for males and 8 berths for females to the 2017 Youth 4.7 World Championship.

Qualification Opportunities:

Berths will be allocated using the 2016 Laser Grand Prix ranking as of December 31, 2016. If necessary, these berths may be allocated to ensure that the ILCA-determined country quotas are satisfied.

Masters Worlds:

Basic Procedure: Approximately six months before the start of the 2017 Master's Worlds, the ILCA will open an "application for entry" period for entry to the event. This period will run approximately six weeks during which time all sailors who wish to participate in the event MUST complete an application with ILCA. 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 (dues paid to an expiration date after the Masters World Championship) 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 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.