

The qualification rules for gaining entrance to any of the ILCA World Championships in 2010 have been released...

Note as of 5-6-09: Amendment to the Masters section

Qualification system for 2010 ILCA world championships

Senior Worlds:

Basic Assumption: The North American Region will be allocated at least 9 berths to the 2010 Laser World Championship. The Canadian Yachting Association and US Sailing will each be permitted to allocate one berth by March 1, 2010.

Overriding Rules:

1) Competitors qualify for the 2010 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:

1. Two berths at the 2009 Laser North American Championship. *Chris Dold, Lee Parkhill*

2. One berth at the 2009 Laser U.S. National Championship. *Clay Johnson*

4. One berth at the 2009 Laser Canadian National Championship. *Luke Ramsay*

5. One berth at the 2010 Miami OCR *Kyle Rogachenko*

6. Two berths at the 2010 Laser Mid-winters East. *Mike Leigh, Frederick Vranizan*

2) Any additional berths awarded to the North American Region beyond the nine mentioned in the Basic Assumption above, will be allocated using the 2009 Laser Grand Prix rankings as of December 31, 2009. 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 2010 Radial World Championship. The Canadian Yachting Association will allocate one berth and US SAILING will allocate one berth by March 1, 2010.

Overriding Rules:

1) Competitors qualify for the 2010 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. Two berths at the 2010 Women's Radial North American Championship *Anna Tunnicliffe, Lisa Ross*

2. Two berths at the 2010 Miami OCR. *Paige Railey, Claire Dennis*

2) Any berths beyond the six mentioned in the Basic Assumption above, not allocated through the Qualification Opportunities above, will be allocated using the 2009 Laser Grand Prix ranking as of December 31, 2009. 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 2010 Radial World Championship.

Overriding Rules:

1) Competitors qualify for the 2010 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) Berths will be awarded at the following ILCA-NA major regatta subject to Overriding Rule #2 with the following ranking:

1. Three berths at the 2009 Radial North American Championship *Alexander Heinzemann, Greg Martinez, Mitchell Kiss*

2) Any berths beyond the six mentioned in the Basic Assumption above, not allocated through the Qualification Opportunities above, will be allocated using the 2009 Laser Grand Prix ranking as of December 31, 2009. 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 2010 Radial World Championship.

Overriding Rules:

1) Competitors qualify for the 2010 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. Three berths for males at the 2009 Radial North American Championship *Alexander Heinzemann, Greg Martinez, Mitchell Kiss*

2. Three berths for females at the 2009 Radial North American Championship - *no finishers in the top ten*

2) Any berths beyond the six mentioned in the Basic Assumption above, not allocated through the Qualification Opportunities above, will be allocated using the 2009 Laser Grand Prix ranking as of December 31, 2009. If necessary, these berths may be allocated to ensure that the ILCA-determined country quotas are satisfied.

Masters Worlds:

Basic Procedure: (this section will be updated as more information becomes available from the ILCA, in particular the dates) Approximately nine months before the start of the 2010 Master's Worlds, to be held September 11-19, 2010 at Hayling Island, GBR, 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 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: Amendment as of 5-6-2009: 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.