

1 A Resolution to Change the ILCA  
2 Rules Governing Area Championships, Article XIII  
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4 WHEREAS, The International Lightning Class Association, Inc. (ILCA) has rules that govern the  
5 conduct of Area Championships, and

6 WHEREAS, Article XIII of those Rules addresses the conduct of the North American Championships,  
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8 WHEREAS, The ILCA, and its member competitors, benefit from increased participation in District  
9 and Area Championships, and

10 WHEREAS, The following proposed changes to Article XIII of the Rules Governing Area  
11 Championships would improve the quality of the sailing experience at the North  
12 American Championships and possibly encourage increased participation, and,

13 WHEREAS, It is in the best interest of the ILCA, and its member competitors, to make measured  
14 changes that are evaluated on an experimental basis, now, therefore be it

15 **RESOLVED, That the ILCA membership, in quorum assembled, SUBSTITUTES the**  
16 **following for the Rules Governing Area Championships, Article XIII,**  
17 **and be it further**

18 **RESOLVED, That this change shall take effect on April 1, 2012, and shall expire**  
19 **on March 31, 2013, at which time, the original language shall, again,**  
20 **be in force.**

21 **ARTICLE XIII-RACING CONDITIONS**

22 **A. DIVISIONS AND QUALIFYING SERIES**  
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- 24 1. **Divisions**—All competitors entitled to enter the North American Championships shall be  
25 divided into two Divisions—the Championship Division and the President’s Cup Division—  
26 based upon the results of a Qualifying Series. However, if the number of competitors in a  
27 North American Championship Regatta is sixty-nine (69) or fewer, then the Qualifying Series  
28 shall not be sailed, and all competitors shall compete in the Championship Division.
- 29 2. **Qualifying Series**—If a Qualifying Series is held, then the competitors shall be divided into a  
30 maximum of three equal flights, and shall be rotated between these flights, such that each  
31 competitor will have an opportunity to sail against as many different competitors as possible.
- 32 3. **Qualifying Series Scoring**—Four (4) Qualifying Series races shall be scheduled, to be sailed on  
33 the first two days. If four (4) races are sailed, then three (3) shall be scored. Otherwise, all  
34 races shall be scored. If, by the end of the second day, at least three (3) races have been sailed,  
35 the Qualifying Series shall be terminated. If less than three (3) races have been sailed on the  
36 first two days, then the Qualifying Series shall continue on the third day. When a total of three

37 Qualifying Series races have been sailed, the Qualifying Series shall be terminated and the  
38 competitors shall be scored on the basis of the races sailed. If, after three days, only one (1)  
39 race has been completed, then the Qualifying Series shall continue until two (2) races have  
40 been completed. This provision changes RRS A2, and shall be included in the Sailing  
41 Instructions to be valid.

- 42 4. Right of Appeal—The right of appeal shall be denied for the Qualifying Series per RRS 70. The  
43 Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions shall so inform all competitors. The Executive  
44 Committee may waive this requirement if the host venue cannot meet the requirements of  
45 RRS 70.
- 46 5. Qualifying Series Scoring—If a Qualifying Series is held, then the Championship Division shall  
47 include the reigning North American Champion and the thirty-nine (39) competitors, regardless  
48 of country of origin, receiving the lowest number of points in the Qualifying Series and all  
49 competitors tied for thirty-ninth (39<sup>th</sup>), exclusive of the reigning North American Champion,  
50 should he or she decide to sail the qualifying Series. The remaining competitors shall comprise  
51 the Presidents' Cup Division.

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53 **B. FINAL SERIES SCORING**

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55 1. If the Qualifying Series Is Held—The number of races scheduled in each Division for the Final  
56 Series shall be seven (7). Each competitor's final position in the Qualifying Series shall be  
57 counted as the result of the first race. If the reigning North American Champion chooses not to  
58 sail in the Qualifying Series, his or her average points for the race(s) sailed in the Final Series  
59 shall be counted as one (1) race. This provision changes RRS A2, and it shall be included in the  
60 Sailing Instructions to be valid. If all scheduled races are sailed, then six (6) races shall be  
61 scored. Otherwise, all races shall be scored.
- 62 2. If the Qualifying Series Is not Held—The races that would have otherwise been sailed on the  
63 first two or more days as a Qualifying Series shall be counted towards the Final Series for a  
64 possible maximum of ten (10) races. If six (6) or more races are completed, then all but a  
65 competitor's worst finish shall be scored. If five (5) or fewer races are sailed, then all races shall  
66 be scored.

67 **Reference**

68 The following is the existing language:

69 **ARTICLE XIII — RACING CONDITIONS**

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71 **A—ELIMINATION RACES**

- 72 1. All boats entitled to enter the North American Championship Regattas shall be divided into equal flights  
73 and shall sail a Qualifying Series. Boats shall be rotated between flights so that each Skipper will have  
74 an opportunity to sail against as many different Skippers as possible. Four elimination races shall be  
75 scheduled, to be sailed the first two days. If all are sailed, three will be scored. If less than four are  
76 sailed, all will be scored. If, by the end of the second day, at least three races have been sailed, the  
77 Qualifying Series will be terminated. If less than three races have been sailed in the first two days, the  
78 Qualifying Series will continue on the third day. As soon as a total of three races have been sailed  
79 (including those sailed previously) the series will be terminated and yachts scored on the basis of the  
80 races sailed. If, after three days, only one race has been completed, the Qualifying Series will continue  
81 until two races have been completed. This changes RRS A2 and shall be included in the Sailing  
82 Instructions to be valid.

83 2. The right of appeal shall be denied for the qualifying series per RRS 70. The Notice of Race and Sailing  
84 Instructions shall so state and there are specific stipulations in RRS 70. The Executive Committee may  
85 wave this requirement if the host venue can not meet the requirements of RRS 70.

86 3. The 33 Skippers receiving the lowest number of points in the races plus the reigning North American  
87 Champion and all Skippers tied for 33rd place shall be entitled to sail the final series to determine the  
88 North American Champion. However, if the reigning Champion chooses and so notifies I.L.C.A. at least  
89 thirty days ahead of the first elimination race, he may sail in the Qualifying Series. If he qualifies for the  
90 final series to determine the North American Champion the Fleet will be increased to 34 and all  
91 Skippers tied for 34th place. The remaining Skippers shall sail for the Presidents' Cup, except that where  
92 more than 35 remain after selection of the Championship group, a Governors' Cup series will be  
93 conducted. In such case the remaining Skippers shall be divided equally between the two series with  
94 those totaling the least points sailing in the Presidents' Cup series. Skippers tied for the last qualifying  
95 position in the Presidents' Cup series shall be entitled to sail in that series as shall the odd Skipper  
96 should the number to be divided be unequal.

97 **B-FINAL SERIES**

98 1. The number of races scheduled in each of the final series, Championship, Presidents' Cup and  
99 Governors' Cup, shall be six, five of which will be scored. If, at the end of scheduled racing, two races or  
100 less have been completed, the final results of the Qualifying Series (including ties) will be counted as  
101 one race in the Championship Series, Presidents' Cup and Governors' Cup.

102 In case the defending North American Champion chooses not to sail in the Qualifying Series, his or her  
103 average points for the race(s) sailed in the Championship Series will be counted as one race. This  
104 changes RRS A2 and shall be included in the Sailing Instructions to be valid.

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