

2022-23 Nominees for ILCA-NA Chairman



My name is [Shawn Gershman](#), and I am a lifelong sailor. I am 24 years old, live in Toronto, Canada and have been sailing ILCA / Lasers since 2012. I have raced extensively around the East coast, placing 1st at the Laser/ ILCA Great Lakes Championships in Ohio in 2014, and participated in both the Laser/ILCA Youth Worlds and the J24 Worlds. I have also sailed competitively on keel boats since 2007. I am currently working as a Product manager in the Cybersecurity/Technology industry, and I have a Business Degree with a Finance Major.

[Andy Roy](#), current ILCA-NA Chairman

I live in Gananoque, Ontario Canada (near Kingston) and started racing the ILCA/Laser in about 1975. In the Laser I finished 2nd in the Open Worlds in 1982, won a Pan Am Games silver medal in 1983, won the US, Canadian and Australian National Championships and was runner up at three Masters Worlds. I've been on the ILCA World Council, serving as NA Chairman, since 2011. I'm happily married to Danielle and have two grown sons, Ken and Grant.

Get to know a bit more about Andy in this recent SailJuice interview: "[Legends of the Laser...](#)" in which Andy talks about his experience at the Open Worlds in 1982.



[Ryan Minth](#)

Vice-Chair and Chairman of ILCA-NA, 1998-2003. Attended three World Council Meetings as Chair.

As NA Chair, I was successful in financially teaming up with Vanguard (NA ILCA Builder) to promote the ILCA 4 and 6 rigs while upgrading our infrastructure to meet the demands of

Olympic status. As a World Council member, we got the ILCA 6 into The Games for the women.

A self-taught sailor, I attended the University of Texas for their Sailing Team, which had always been in the US Top 20 Rankings and remained during my tenure; eventually serving as Team Captain. My first job out of University was Varsity Sailing Coach at the US Naval Academy and J/24 Program Director.

My first ILCA was named "Viva"; an old Canadian-built hull that was soft and absorbent while attending University. After USNA, I had success in the ILCA 6, winning the Grand Prix twice. I became strong and heavy enough to make the US Team in the ILCA 7 at 40 years old. During the years leading up to that, I was a telecom executive in Manhattan for almost a decade.

Currently as an active coach, my sailors have swept the podiums at multiple events. Highlights include coaching Team China's ILCA 6 squad to CHN's first World Championship win in any sailing class, producing a 2-time Youth World Champion (also ILCA 6) for USA, and the most recent Bronze Medal for USA in the Finn.

Known as the C-vane guy. What started with a patented wind indicator has grown, keeping the Gulf Coast ILCA fleet equipped and competitive.

I remain active in the ILCA 6 and 7, recently winning the D15GP, Fred's Easter Laser Regatta, and currently sailing at the ILCA 6 Worlds.

From this perspective, I am fortunate to witness sailing, especially ILCAs, at all levels from local to Worlds.

My hope is to once again be able to gain the opportunity to keep the class surging forward.