

IODA North American Championship

Boca Chica, Dominican Republic, June 30 to July 8

198 sailors from 22 countries



Boca Chica was the perfect spot, with winds varying from 7 to 18 knots, big waves and a sea water temperature of a pleasant 30°C,

sailors had no excuse not to enjoy the event.

Eduardo Verdeja, Chairman of the Organising Committee and his team, did a great job and delivered the most generous hospitality.

Races were all completed in good winds, except on the penultimate day, when the lack of wind and the huge swell, forced the PRO to cancel races 2 and 3 of the day.



**Christopher Williford (USA)
Optimist North American
Champion 2009**

A strong team from USA contained many of the hot favourites to win this event, including twin brothers Christopher and Duncan Williford, and Axel Sly who had just won the St Thomas Regatta. It was Christopher who, with two bullets and 9 of the 11 races in the top ten, finally reached the top of the ranking followed by Brian Higgins from Argentina and Axel Sly in third overall.

Sailors from Puerto Rico, Bermuda and Netherlands Antilles worked hard to catch-up and each of them had a sailor in the top ten, resulting in sailors from 6 nations finishing in the top ten.



In the Team Racing, Netherlands Antilles were the winners of the closed event, with Bermuda and USA in second and third place respectively. However, the overall event was won by Peru, who once again beat

Argentina in the finals, (earlier in the year they had beaten them to take gold in the SAMs). Third overall was Chile.

Spectators were able to enjoy the matches from shore, as the racing area was placed right in front of the launching beach, in a sheltered area with shallow waters.

Over-all

Open

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1.	Christopher Williford	USA 1
2.	Brian Higgins	Argentina
3.	Axel Sly	USA 2
4.	Juan Carlos Perdomo	Puerto Rico 3
5.	Owen Siese	Bermuda 4
6.	Duncan Williford	USA 5
7.	Eugene Hendriks	N. Antilles 6
8.	Stefano Peschiera	Peru
9.	Tomás Beitia	Argentina
10.	Federico Donzino	Argentina
11.	Luke Muller	USA 7
12.	Claudia Mazzaferro	Brazil ♦
13.	Jayvee Buchanan	New Zealand
14.	Antoine Lefort	France 8
15.	Rodrigo Delgado	D. Republic 9
16.	Tomás Vignati	Argentina
17.	Víctor Aponte	Puerto Rico 10

N. American Girls

1.	Riley Legault	USA
2.	Nikki Meddley	USA
3.	Lily Katz	USA

Team Racing

1.	Peru	2.	Argentina	3.	Chile
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