

IODA South American Championship

Salinas, Ecuador - April 2 to 12

191 sailors from 18 countries

**Sudamericano
Optimist 2009**

Over-all

Open

	SAM
1. Arthur Fortune	Guadeloupe, FRA
2. Alonso Collantes	Peru 1
3. Mario Mazzaferro	Brazil 2
4. Ian Barrows	US Virgin I.
5. Ricardo Paranhos	Brazil 3
6. Juan C. Perdomo	Puerto Rico
7. José I. Rogala	Argentina 4
8. Francisco Ducasse	Chile 5
9. José Arribas	Peru 6
10. Isabele Caldeira	Brazil 7 ♦
11. Max Simmons	USA
12. Agustín Buchholz	Argentina 8
13. Gabriel Elstrodt	Brazil 9
14. Brian Higgins	Argentina 10
15. Matias Dyck	Ecuador 11

S. American Girls

1. Isabele Caldeira	Brazil
2. Claudia Mazzaferro	Brazil
3. Cristina D'Angelo	Peru

Team Racing

1. Peru 1 2. Argentina 1 3. Peru 2

Salinas were, once again, excellent hosts. The superb facilities of the club and the willingness of its people to give their best, made the sailors, team members and relatives feel at home. Races were sailed in mostly light wind conditions, with a breeze that ranged from 5 to 15 knots, increasing during the day.

**Alonso Collantes (PER)
Optimist South American
Champion 2009**



**Isabele Caldeira (BRA)
First girl**



Sailing consistently and with good speed, Arthur Fortune from Guadeloupe, France, managed to win the overall event without having to sail the last race. This was an advantage for him since, due to a last minute change of flight schedule, team FRA had to depart one day early.

There was a ceremony arranged by the organisers before the last day of racing and Arthur was awarded his well deserved prize.

In the Team Racing, team Peru 1 reached the Final unbeaten, to challenge Argentina 1 who had only one loss... against Peru 1.

In the first match Peru won easily with a combination of 1, 2, 3 and 7 but they were defeated in the second race, with Argentina scoring 1, 2, 3 and 8. The last race of the Final saw Peru regain confidence to take the lead with 1, 2, 3 and 5.

Third was Peru 2 who had lost to Argentina in the semi finals.

