

SALINAS YACHT CLUB
GLORIAS NAVALES DEL ECUADOR Y FRANCISCO SOLA F.
09 Y 10 DE JULIO 2016

Pos	Sail #	Crew	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	Ra16	Tot
1	14674	JONATHAN MARTINETTI, ALANN COOPER & PANCHE ALMEIDA	2	1	(3)	3	2	2	10
2	14163	JULIO VELEZ, LEONARDO SANTOS & NACHO CORDOVEZ	1	2	(4)	1	4	3	11
3	14673	JUAN SANTOS GARCES, JOHN BIRKETT & JUAN JOSE FERRETI	(5)	4	1	5	1	1	12
4	15150	FRANCISCO SOLA, JUSTUS KLEMPERER & JOAO CASAL	4	(8)	2	6	3	5	20
5	15298	MATIAS DYCK, JOHN BIRKETT & JOSE ANDRES LECARO	3	(9)	7	4	5	7	26
6	74674	IGNACIO VIDAL, ROMINA DE IULIO & IRENE SUAREZ	(11)	10	8	2	7	8	35
7	14389	JESUS BAILON, MICHAEL VELEZ & MARIO ACOSTA	10	3	9	7	10	(22\DNC)	39
8	10114	MICHEL SAAB, JUAN JOSE BARRERA & JUAN CARLOS BARRERA	7	6	10	(12)	6	10	39
9	14383	RAFAEL QUINTERO, ANDRES QUINTERO & CAROLINA PLAZA	8	5	6	9	12	(22\DNC)	40
10	14405	SEBASTIAN HERRERA, SAMUEL HERRERA & ENRIQUE FIERRO	6	7	5	10	(22\DNF)	22\DNC	50
11	14045	ARIANA FERNANDEZ, PAULA SANTOS & URSULA PEÑA	14	(16)	15	13	9	4	55
12	14558	ROBERTO CHEVASCO & MICHAEL VELEZ	(19)	15	11	13	13	6	58
13	15095	JUAN CARLOS VIDAL, ORLANDO RODRIGUEZ & SORAYA RODRIGUEZ	12	17	(22\DNF)	8	11	11	59
14	1515	ARTURO ITURRALDE, ROBERTO FERNANDEZ & LUIS MARTINEZ	16	13	(22\DNF)	11	8	12	60
15	14160	JORGE POLANCO, DIANA GARCIA & RAUL ALEJANDRO	(18)	11	16	15	15	9	66
16	14389A	JUAN MANUEL MEIRA, PEPE GARCES & ALEX LAINEZ	13	18	13	14	14	(22\DNC)	72
17	14099	MIGUEL PLAZA & ROBBY CAMPOVERDE	9	12	12	(22\DNC)	22\DNC	22\DNC	77
18	15470	FRANCISCA PEÑAYLILLO, ERWIN KOPP & CAROLINA MERINO	17	(22\DNS)	22\DNC	17	16	13	85
19	14176	FEDERICA TRIPOLI, ANTONIO QUARATO & GIUSEPPE ERAMO	(22\DNF)	22\DNC	22\DNC	16	17	14	91
20	14541	DANIELA RODRIGUEZ, FANNY HENAO & ANDREA ABAD	20	14	14	(22\DNC)	22\DNC	22\DNC	92
21	9411	ENRIQUE GRANJA, FERNANDO AMADOR A. & J. MALAVE	15	(22\DNS)	22\DNC	22\DNC	22\DNC	22\DNC	103

This weekend we had the enormous pleasure of having 21 boats on the starting line for the Glorias Navales del Ecuador/ Francisco Sola Franco Cup. For the first time in many years we had a big fleet sailing in the beautiful bay of Salinas with Championship Sailing Conditions from 8 to 15 knots during the weekend. Local Lightning "Legends" and the new blood got together for fun and competitive racing in an event that had two main goals for the Organizing Committee: give our 4 Junior Teams a big fleet to race against and check settings and tunings for the 20 + boats that will be used during Youth World Championship.

Both goals were reached: The new blood showed good consistency and tactical cleverness against mature and solid teams such as Juan Santos's (former South American Champ and recently 2nd at International Master Championship) Jonathan Martinetti's (former Youth World Champ and Sunfish Pan Am Gold Medal) and Julio Velez's (ECU Pan Am representative).

Team Dyck/Birkett/Lecaro finished 5th with no races out of the top nine and fighting every leg "mano a mano" with the big boys.

Team Vidal/De Iulio/ Suarez finished 6th showing great consistency. They almost won race 4 and felt happy to improve gradually during the weekend.

Team Saab and Barrera Bros. finished 8th tied on points with the 7th. They're one of the fastest boats on the course during the downed legs. They were thrilled to make it among the Top Ten, but felt they could have done it better.

The "all girls" Team (Fernandez/Santos/Peña), the lightest team of all by far (they barely make 170 kilograms or 378 pounds) excelled in the last day finishing 4th in the last and toughest race of all after leading the pack until the last weather mark. Ariana -the Skipper - was really excited after she slam dunked virtually all the leading boats, including her Legendary Uncle Juan Santos. They finished 11th making this their best performance ever.

All the Junior Teams had a blast and enjoyed themselves racing with the same big fleet they'll face during YW's. Coach "Chan" Higuera was happy with their performance but said, and I quote "Now they know they can compete and be fast regardless who they're racing against. From now on we will continue pushing harder to achieve the highest possible level before the Regatta"

The other goal we set for the Regatta was to test all the 22 boats we're using for Worlds. All the boats performed perfectly, rigs and controls worked just fine and sailors were happy about the setting we used for all the boats (the recommendations ILCA sent us for YW) We did have some close encounters with a couple of boats, but now everything is fixed and we're in the last stage of upgrading lines and controls.

The Regatta was won by Team Martinetti, followed by Team Velez and Team Santos in a close finale that left the top three boats within only a 2 point difference.

Now we're ready to welcome all the Teams for Youth Worlds. See you soon in Salinas!!

Cheers!
Nico Fracchia