

## **Canada is Crowned 2013 Pan American Sprint Canoe Champion**

The competition ended on Sunday with the participation of 12 countries and over 140 athletes.

Monday, October 21, 2013 (Ponce , Puerto Rico), Canada came from behind on Sunday overtaking Mexico in the medal count to win the overall championship for the Pan American Sprint Championships.

The competition was held at Lake Cerrillos International Course in Ponce, Puerto Rico.

The Canadian team won 11 of the 25 gold medals awarded on the last day of competition for the events of 200 M and 5000 meters at the Junior and Senior categories giving them a total of 16 Gold, 13 silver medals and seven bronze for an overall total of 36 medals.

In second place was Mexico with 11 gold medals, eight silver and eight bronze medals. The Mexican team was leading their rivals after the first two days of competition.

Ecuador had their stars competing on Sunday; Caesars Caesar, Olympic finalist and multiple world medalist, dominated the 200 meters with 35.22 seconds Senior K1, beating Brazil's Edson Silva (35.88 sec.) and Carlos Montalvo of Mexico (36.06 sec.). Andres Lazo had a close race with Canadian Cory Rublee in the 200 meters to win the event C1. In third place was Alvaro Torres Chile.

Chile finished with a haul of five gold medals, six silver and bronze. Venezuela followed with three gold, four silver and five bronze. Locals Puerto Rico took five medals in total: one gold, one silver and three bronze.

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