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Havana, August 12 (RHC)-- Olympic champion Serguey Torres and world queen Yarisleidis Cirilo won silver medals on Thursday in the second round of the Pan American Sprint Canoeing Championships in Halifax 2022, Canada.

Torres, 35 years old, clocked 4:09.7 minutes in the C1-1000 meters, in a race held at Banook Lake, venue of the important event until August 12.

He was beaten at the finish line by Brazil's Isaquias Dos Santos (4:06.6) and third was the host Connor Fitzpatrick (4:13.2).

Cirilo, 21, only conceded in the C1-200 meters to local multi-world medalist Katie Vicent (26), bronze winner in the C2-500 during the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games.

To decide the winner of the crown, it was necessary to go to the photo finish, as both finished with identical times of 46.5 seconds.

In that, the most enjoyable final of the afternoon, Chile's María José Maillard won bronze with 46.6 and the USA's Nevin Harrinson, queen at the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games, finished in fourth place with 47.3.

"Now we have 13 quotas for the Pan American Games of Santiago 2023, added the two won in the I Pan American Junior Games of Cali 2020 by Cirilo and José Ramón Pelier", clarified to JIT the president of the Cuban federation of this sport, Alejandro Hamze.

Kayakers Yureni Guerra, who placed fourth with a time of 2:02.1 minutes in the K1-500, and Reinier Carrera, sixth with 4:04.8 in the K1-1000, also performed during the day.

Cuba has no athletes registered for Friday, so it concluded its performance in a competition with more than a hundred canoeists from 18 nations.

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