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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

April 1, 2026

**CAPTAIN: MIK SEVERINI**

**Mik** opened the meeting with, "Happy Easter, Salty Sisters"! She thanked **PC Charl Hadfield** and her committee for the amazing Easter decorations and party fun.

**GUESTS:**

Nona **Pucciariello** welcomed Sandy Merrifield and the Sunfish sailors introduced their coach, Lynn Randall. Karen North, a member of the Salty Sisters Class of 2026, was introduced. **Connie Smith's** daughter Brooke Nelson (aka the Easter Bunny) was also with us today. We are "egg-cited" you joined our Easter party!

**CO-CAPTAIN: AUDREY ORGO**

**Audrey** said it was a great morning with 26 Salties at the Sailing Center. We had practice for the Rainbow Regatta which will take place on April 27 in Clearwater. There were 5 pram sailors with their coach, **Britt Madigan**, and 9 Sunfish sailors coached by Lynn Randall. Race Committee set marks for practice racing. And Safety Ashore kept track of all of us. Winds were 5-7 knots and it was a beautiful day for Rainbow practice.

It was noted that we need additional Race Committee and power boat drivers to help with future Rainbow practices. Anyone who has taken the power boat handling class and is willing to help should contact **Audrey**.

**HOSPITALITY: JOAN STEPHENSON**

**Joan** announced one birthday.

**SOCIAL: PC CHARL HADFIELD**

**Charl** led the group in some fun Easter activities including a jellybean counting contest won by **Nona Pucciariello**. The Easter Bonnet Contest winners were 1<sup>st</sup> place **Barbara Mehaffey**, 2<sup>nd</sup> **Nancy Vildibill**, and 3<sup>rd</sup> **PC Gina Bowden-Pierce**. See photos of these lovely Salties below.

**FWSA: PAT BURROWS**

**Pat, FWSA 1<sup>st</sup> Delegate**, announced the annual FWSA Rainbow Regatta will be April 27 at the Clearwater Sailing Center. April 23 will be the final day to register. She said nominations for the Lily Kaighin Award are in progress. Nominations for the Young Woman Sailor of the Year Award are due by April 15.

**WEBMASTER: ANNA OLECKA**

**Anna** said some things may look different with emails this week as we are migrating them to a new platform.

**SALTY SISTERS 75<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE: PC BEVERLY SMOAK**

**PC Gina Bowden-Pierce** reminded us of the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Salty Sisters' Trivia Night and Pizza Party on Tuesday, April 7, 6:00-9:00 p.m. Get your teams together or come solo and you will be put on a team. There will be a variety of pan pizzas, a salad bar, desserts and a "pay for your own" bar. Study aids are the weekly Newsletters, Salty Facebook page, Salty Sisters Handbook, and the SPYC Centennial Book. All are available online. Sign up on the SPYC calendar or call Shannon (727) 892-6882 by the deadline of April 3. There will be prizes and a lot of fun!

**LUNCH RESERVATIONS:** Use the SPYC website or the app. You may call a dedicated number: **(727) 892-6882**, to reserve your seat. Lunch reservations may not be made by calling the SPYC front desk.

**HUMOR QUEEN: CAROL HANSEN**

Carol had a joke about a man in a biker bar.



Getting ready to practice for the Rainbow Regatta.



Sunfish practicing for the Rainbow Regatta.



Nona can count jellybeans.



Easter bonnet contest winners



Connie with E. Bunny



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