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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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### Celebrating Our 75<sup>th</sup> Year

#### **CAPTAIN: MIK SEVERINI**

**Mik** welcomed us with “Good Afternoon Salty Sisters!” She modeled the new Salty t-shirt and thanked Salty Stores Chairs **Connie Smith** and **Kim Kuruzovich** for making them available. Our Salty Sisters will be stylin’ on the cruise in their new shirts!

**Mik** expressed appreciation to the Salty Sisters 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Kick-off Luncheon Committee for all the many hours that went into making the celebration on January 14<sup>th</sup> such a beautiful event. She thanked **Barbara Deininger** and **Gretchen Tenbrock-Wolfe**, Event Chairs, and Committee Members **PC Beverly Smoak**, **PC Gina Bowden-Pierce**, **Jennifer Anderson**, **Helle Getz**, **Mik Severini**, **Cathy Lasky**, **PC Trisha Birkenstock**, **Lindsay Carter**, **PC Charl Hadfield**, **Audrey Orgo**, **PC Jennifer Parramore**, **Connie Smith**, **KT Trudeau**, **PC Barbara Watson**, **PC Els Wiemken**, **Gail Falkingham**, **Angela Treinen**, **PC Carol Hansen** and **Sarah Richards**. Huge kudos to this group for helping us kick off our 75<sup>th</sup> year of celebration!

**Barbara Deininger** and **Gretchen Tenbrock-Wolfe**, Chairs of the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Kick-off Luncheon, expressed appreciation to their committee members who showed up the night before the luncheon to decorate the ballroom and set up the displays. They also thanked all who stayed after the event to take down the decorations and put them away. Job well done, Salties!

**Mik** showed the most recent edition of *St. Petersburg Life* magazine and the article about SPYC events and activities. There was a section that recognized the Salty Sisters and the contributions we have made to St. Petersburg and especially to sailing here. It was a beautiful article capturing the special Salty Sisters community and camaraderie. We don’t know who the author of this article was, but we thank them for this recognition.

**Mik** reminded us of the upcoming SPYC Member Survey regarding the building proposal. There will be sessions held Feb. 4<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> with speakers and representatives to answer questions. The purpose of the survey and the meetings is to gather members’ input and opinions. Salty Sisters are encouraged to attend these sessions.

**Mik** announced the club will be offering a “Safety at Sea” class. This class is primarily for participants in the Regata del Sol al Sol which kicks off on May 1<sup>st</sup> but is open to others who are interested.

**Gail Falkingham** and **PC Carol Hansen** updated the group on the upcoming 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Salty Sisters Cruise information. They had luggage tags to distribute to those who are going on the cruise. **Gail** reminded us she will have the cruise ditty bags with her next week for cruisers to pick up. She will not be taking any ditty bags on the cruise, so they need to be picked up at next week’s luncheon.

**GUESTS:** There were no guests today.

#### **CO-CAPTAIN: AUDREY ORGO**

**Audrey** reported that we did not sail today due to the cold weather and responses from the sailors that they would rather have education. We had an excellent program introduced by **Marti Cochran**, Education Chair, and led by presenters **Cathy Lasky**, **PC Dee Gill**, and **Suzanne Boohar**. We learned about the roles of crew, racing tactics, and racing rules. Thank you to these Salties for sharing their expertise!

**PC Dee Gill** gave an update on the Sunfish program. We now have 4 Sunfish that will be available for Salty sailing. The boats all have a Salty connection-they are from **Heather Lalanne, Marti Cochran, Karen Park, and PC Dee Gill**. Briny Brother Charlie Lalanne will be a coach and do Sunfish repairs. There will be many opportunities for Salties to learn about the Sunfish and try them out. On February 2, noon-3:00 p.m., Boca Ciega YC will host sailing, and they will offer a Sunfish Clinic on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday (Feb 27-28, March 1). The Rhumb Runners will be hosting an FWSA Interclub in Sunfish on March 23 at Boca Ciega YC. Salty Sisters' sailing on February 18 will be devoted to Sunfish. We are excited to experience sailing in the Sunfish!

**HOSPITALITY: JOAN STEPHENSON**

**Joan** announced 2 birthdays.

**SOCIAL: PC CHARL HADFIELD**

**Charl** announced the Salty Sisters Valentine's Day party will be February 11<sup>th</sup> and we should all wear red, white, and pink attire.

**FWSA: PAT BURROWS**

**Pat, FWSA 1<sup>st</sup> Delegate**, was happy to announce we have an FWSA 2<sup>nd</sup> Delegate, **Lori Hodges**, and Alternate **Juliette Clark**.

At the FWSA General Meeting held last week, we learned that we have a membership in Regatta Network for registering for FWSA events. It was also noted that future FWSA events may have flexible schedules based on weather conditions.

**Pat** has application forms for making nominations for the FWSA Young Woman Sailor of the Year Award.

There will be an FWSA Interclub in Venice on February 18, hosted by the Bitter Ends.

**CRUISE: MARCIA SMITH**

**Jill Bridges** said there is a 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Lake Day being planned at her house on May 16<sup>th</sup>. More information to come.

**STORES: KIM KURUZOVICH, CONNIE SMITH**

**Kim** said the t-shirts were available for pick-up today. **Connie** said she had 4 bracelets (\$20 each) available for purchase.

**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 very successful salesperson.



Salty Sisters Education on Racing Roles, Tactics, and Rules



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