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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

May 13, 2026

CAPTAIN: MIK SEVERINI

Mik opened the meeting with “Ahoy, Salty Sisters!” She said we completed the Salty Sisters 75th Anniversary Memorial Regatta today and wanted to thank **PC Beverly Smoak**, Chair of the Salty Sisters 75th Anniversary Committee, **Jennifer O’Neill**, PRO for today’s regatta, and **Co-Captain Audrey Orgo** for their tireless efforts in organizing this special event.

Mik said there was a wonderful article about the 75th Anniversary of the Salty Sisters in a recent edition of the *Tampa Bay Times*. A reporter had interviewed **Mik** and **PC Jennifer Parramore** for the story that highlights the history and many contributions to sailing and the community made by the Salties since their founding 75 years ago. She will make copies available for us to read.

PC Barbara Watson recognized the 8 Salties that went to Mexico as part of the 53rd Anniversary Regata del Sol al Sol Race Committee and thanked them for representing the Salty Sisters in the many activities on Isla Mujeres (Island of Women). While there, our Salties established a bond with the 4 granddaughters and 2 daughters of Enrique Lima. The Salties presented them with a Salty Sisters burgee donated by **Taryn Bergstrom** and an SPYC burgee donated by Commodore Chris Bergstrom. The Lima family has hosted the Regata since its inception and we have now met the next Lima generation that is sharing in the Regata responsibilities. We look forward to many more Regatas and will enjoy the special relationships that were created at this year’s race.

Mik noted that our own SPYC Commodore Bergstrom sailed with Split Decision which was the third sailboat out of all 16 competitors to reach Isla Mujeres.

Helle Getz announced we will have 10 Salties helping with the TCNAI (predicted log contest) next week at SPYC. Our Salties will be Observers and Scrutinizers as they ride along on power boats on beautiful Tampa Bay. Our Briny Brother, **Paul Goodman**, will be one of the contestants and will represent SPYC in the contest.

GUESTS:

There were no guests today.

CO-CAPTAIN: AUDREY ORGO

Audrey said we had 39 Salty Sisters out at the Sailing Center for the Salty Sisters 75th Anniversary Memorial Regatta. We had a lot of shifting wind conditions but were able to complete 2 races for the Ideal 18s and Sunfish and one race for the prams. Congratulations!

PC Beverly Smoak said today’s regatta was a beautiful way to recognize the Salty Sisters’ 75-year legacy of sailing and sisterhood and to remember those who came before us. At the Sailing Center, **Beverly** read a memorial message and an excerpt from Alfred Lord Tennyson’s *Crossing the Bar*, followed by a moment of silence. A memorial wreath was cast in the water from our spectator boat as captained by Briny Brother **Jay Ostema**. We are grateful to the Severinis and Burrows/Ostema for providing their beautiful pontoon boat for our Salty spectators to watch the Memorial Regatta competition.

Beverly announced there will be a new trophy for the annual Salty Sisters Memorial Regatta. The Board of Directors approved receiving the Deed of Gift for the trophy at the May meeting. **PC Shirley Rigo** is donating crystal sailboat to be attached to a wooden base along with charms donated by the family of **PC Ardith Rutland**. The new trophy will be awarded to the winning Sunfish sailor in this and all future Salty Sisters Memorial Regattas.

Jennifer O’Neil, PRO for today’s regatta, announced the winners for each fleet. In Ideal 18s, 1st place was **PC Dee Gill**, **Julie Simpson**, **Eunice Livingston**, 2nd place was **Britt Madigan**, **Lori Hodges**, 3rd place **Suzanne Boohar**, **Katie Rodgers**, **Juliette Clark**. In the Sunfish race 1st place was **Sue Davidson**, 2nd **Pat Burrows**, 3rd place **Mik Severini**. Our pram winners were 1st **PC Gina Bowden-Pierce**, 2nd **Sarah Richards**, 3rd place **PC Els Wiemken**.

Congratulations to all our sailors and a big thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make the Salty Sisters Memorial Regatta a reality.

HOSPITALITY: JOAN STEPHENSON

Joan had no birthdays to announce this week.

SOCIAL: PC CHARL HADFIELD

Charl announced Fairy Vanessa will be here next week to add sparkle to our summer activities. We will get 4 strands for free and can purchase additional strands if we want more. Many colors are available so get ready to sparkle!

FWSA: PAT BURROWS

Pat, **FWSA 1st Delegate**, reminded us of the important FWSA Annual Meeting to be held at Davis Islands Yacht Club on May 21. Register at regattanetwork.com before the deadline of Friday, May 15, noon.

STORES: KIM KURUZOVICH, CONNIE SMITH

Kim announced she is taking orders for the beautiful silver Salty Sisters 75th Anniversary charms. She thanked **Helle Getz** for all the work she did to have the charms created for us. The cost is \$80. **Jenn O'Neill** has secured some beautiful pins from the Regata del Sol al Sol and they can be purchased from stores for \$10 each.

SALTY SISTERS 75TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION COMMITTEE: PC BEVERLY SMOAK

Jill Bridges, Co-chair (with **Beverly**) of the 75th Anniversary Party at the Lake, said the event scheduled for Saturday, May 16, has been postponed. A new date of May 28 is being proposed. **Jill** hopes there will be more Salties available to enjoy a special day at the lake. There will be kayaks, 2 sailboats (Sunfish and Butterfly), jet skis, a pontoon boat, and lots of fun activities. Beach chairs and umbrellas will be provided. So, sign up, get your bathing suit, towel, and sunscreen ready for a fun day at the beach!

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: PC CAROL HANSEN

PC Sherry Welch filled in for **Carol** today. She had a joke about a NY attorney who was going to invest in art. A second joke was about 3 nurses approaching the pearly gates.



The Memorial Wreath



Memorial Reading



Laying the Wreath



Pram 1st Gina, 2nd Sarah, 3rd Els



Sunfish 1st Sue, 2nd Pat, 3rd Mik



Ideal 18s 1st Dee, Julie, Eunice



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