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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

February 11, 2026

CAPTAIN: MIK SEVERINI

Mik welcomed us with “Good Afternoon Salties, Ahoy!” She thanked **PC Charl Hadfield** and her Social Committee for the beautiful decorations for our Valentine’s Day party.

Mik noted that we are in our second month of events to celebrate the Salty Sisters’ 75th Anniversary. More than 50 Salties just returned from a fabulous cruise to Cozumel, Mexico, as organized and produced by our highly qualified Salty Cruise Directors, **PC Carol Hansen** and **Gail Falkingham**. It was a great time of celebration, fellowship and appreciation of Salty Sisters and our rich history. Thank you, Carol and Gail, for all your detailed planning, dedication, and hard work to create this special memory for the Salty cruisers.

Mik wanted everyone to be sure to go to the Sailing Center and look at the south side wall of the Salty locker. We have our Salty Sisters 75th Anniversary banner on full display. It looks terrific!

GUESTS:

Nona Pucciariello introduced Marissa Lovfald, daughter-in-law of **Sigrid Lovfald**. PC Els **Wiemken** introduced Karen North, who is an applicant for our Salty Sisters Class of 2026 and who is an accomplished sailor.

CO-CAPTAIN: AUDREY ORGO

Audrey said we had 25 Salty Sisters attend this morning’s education class led by Kristen Berry. It focused on sailing roles and tactics and was “super informative”. Kristen noted that our fleet of Ideal 18s are great for anyone who wants to get out on the water for a quick sail. Ideal 18s are easily rigged and ready to go in just a few minutes. Thank you, Kristen, for this excellent class.

Audrey announced we would have our first ever Sunfish Clinic on February 18 at the Sailing Center. Watch for more information on TeamReach this week. She encouraged all Salties to come out and learn about sailing in the Sunfish.

HOSPITALITY: JOAN STEPHENSON

Joan announced one birthday. She reported that **Camilla Kilgroe** is hospitalized with health issues. **Cam** would appreciate notes and cards from her Salty Sisters. **Joan** also reported the passing of Peer Lovfald, husband of our dear sister, **Sigrid Lovfald**. More information regarding funeral services will be sent out via eblast.

SOCIAL: PC CHARL HADFIELD

Charl thanked her Committee for helping with the Valentine’s Day decorations. The ballroom looked “LOVELY”. The next big event will be the St. Patrick’s Day party on March 11. She asked everyone to wear green to the party. The Membership Committee reminded us that we should bring prospective Salty Sisters to the St. Patrick’s Day lunch. We will welcome candidates for the Salty Sisters Class of 2026. Membership applications will be available.

FWSA: PAT BURROWS

Pat, FWSA 1st Delegate, reminded us nominations are due by April 1st for the Lily Kagan Award and the Young Woman Sailor of the Year award. She also noted the Bitter Ends will be hosting a *Knot Your Average Interclub* on February 18 in Venice.

REGATA DEL SOL AL SOL: JENNIFER O’NEILL

Jenn welcomed Salties back from the cruise and offered another opportunity to return to Mexico., this time through the activities of the 53rd racing of the St. Petersburg to Isla Mujeres Race. The Regata del Sol al Sol is

looking for more people to join the Committee. See **Jenn** or **Helle Getz** if you would like to join the group planning this prestigious event. There is a kick-off dinner at SPYC on April 30, and the race begins on Friday, May 1. **Jenn** said there is a flyer on each table describing sponsorship opportunities for the RDSAS. For a \$1,000 sponsorship, Salty Sisters could have our 75th Anniversary logo on the team shirts and on the backstay of each competitor's sailboat. There is a consortium of Salties going together to reach the \$1,000 goal. Contact **Jenn** if interested in contributing. Donations can be cash, check or VENMO to **Jenn** and should be received by March 1.

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 advice from a Texas cattleman.



Salty Sisters enjoying the 75th Anniversary Cruise to Cozumel



Our banner at the Sailing Center



Education with "KB" Kristen Berry



Salty Sister Dropbox Photo Albums: Managed by **Carol Hansen**
Click on the Dropbox icon to view and download our photos.



Salty Sister Facebook Page: Managed by **Jill Bridges**
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