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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

December 10, 2025

CAPTAIN: MIK SEVERINI

Mik opened the meeting with “Ahoy, Salty Sisters!”. She thanked **Pat Burrows**, FWSA 1st Delegate, for the hugely successful Interclub Regatta, *Nauti or Nice*, which was hosted by the Salty Sisters on December 9. She also thanked **PC Carol Hansen** and **Audrey Orgo** for organizing the Candy Cane Regatta held this morning at the Sailing Center. Both events were a lot of fun.

GUESTS:

There were no guests today.

CHRISTMAS CHARITIES CHAIR: JOY RUDNICKI

Joy reminded us that donations will be received next week at the Salty Sisters’ Annual Christmas Party. There are five charities this year. She gave a beautiful description of the services provided by our Charities. Following are the Charities...

Christmas Toy Shop, Clothes to Kids, I Rise, Music Sweet Music, Voices of Hope

There will be boxes available to accept your donations at the party on December 17. Your contributions are greatly appreciated by each of these wonderful Charities.

CO-CAPTAIN: AUDREY ORGO

Audrey said we had fun with the Candy Cane Regatta at the Sailing Center today. The Regatta consists of 3 parts: The Christmas Tree Race, the Candy Cane Grab, and the Poker Run. Awards for the Christmas Tree Race were given to 1st place: **Bijie Ding**, 2nd place Saltine **Patti Kincer**, 3rd place **Renee Athey**, and Last Place Saltine **Eunice Livingston**, who managed to find the shallowest part of the racecourse! **Patti Kincer** was recognized for her good sportsmanship for towing her Salty Classmate, **Eunice**, across the finish line. Way to go **Patti**!

In the Candy Cane Grab, **Bijie Ding** was the big winner with a grab of 189 candy canes!

Everyone is ultimately a winner in the Poker Run.

Audrey said there would be no sailing for the next 3 weeks. The next sailing event will be the Maggie Mug Trophy race and is scheduled for January 7, 2026.

AWARDS: BARBARA MEHAFFEY

Barbara presented charms to the sailors, race committee, and safety ashore, who volunteered for the *Nauti or Nice* interclub on December 9.

HOSPITALITY: JOAN STEPHENSON

Joan was not here today, and **Rhonda Whitehead** announced 3 birthdays. We were saddened to hear of the sudden passing of **Beth Pennington’s** brother and we send our condolences to her and her family.

SOCIAL: PC CHARL HADFIELD

Charl announced the Annual Salty Sister Christmas Party, December 17. There is a “red and white” theme, and we should all bring a five-dollar bill or five ones for a fun activity.

FWSA: PAT BURROWS

Pat, FWSA 1st Delegate, thanked everyone who helped with the FWSA Interclub Regatta which was held December 9. We had 14 Sunfish sailors and 13 Opti sailors registered, and over 20 race committee and volunteers. While we ultimately didn’t get to sail due to high winds and choppy water conditions, we still had a very successful event. **Pat** read correspondence from the FWSA Vice President, praising the Salty Sisters for pulling off such a fun time despite not being able to sail. **Helle Getz’s** efforts and execution of alternate plans for the day’s activities were lauded. She engaged the whole group in making the difficult decision to not sail, quickly presented an alternate schedule of events, and then led the participants in gutter races and a knot line activity. There was a stiff competition and a lot of laughs.

Pat also thanked Mike Funsch, SPYC Treasurer, for his thoughtful and insightful remarks. He said the Salty Sisters did more to promote sailing at SPYC than any other group (except, perhaps, the youth sailors).

Pat announced the Dinghy Dames would be hosting an Education Interclub on Monday, January 12, 2026. The next FWSA General Meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 21, 9:30-3:30 p.m. at the Clearwater Yacht Club.

CRUISE: MARCIA SMITH

The next land cruise will be the Christmas Ornament Exchange to be held Thursday, December 11, 4:30-6:30 p.m. in the Regatta Room. Bring a wrapped ornament to exchange. Come and prepare to have fun!

STORES: KIM KURUZOVICH, CONNIE SMITH

Kim showed us the blue shirt that is being recommended for those going on the Salty Sister 75th Anniversary Cruise. Orders for the cruise shirts must be made by December 17th to allow time for delivery. Shirts are available in short sleeve for \$20 and long sleeve for \$22. Shirts come in crew or v-neck styles. All orders must be placed before December 19. Stores is also taking orders for the 75th Anniversary bracelets (\$20) and is taking orders for the dri-fit shirts with a zip front (\$45). **Connie** is working with the jeweler who will offer Salty Sisters’ insignia items and who is setting up a website specifically for these sales to Salties which will be available soon.

**SALTY SISTERS 75TH ANNIVERSARY: GRETCHEN TENBROCK-WOLFE, BARBARA DEININGER, CO-CHAIRS
1/14/26 KICK-OFF LUNCHEON**

Barbara reminded us to get ready to celebrate the Salty Sisters’ 75th Anniversary at the kick-off luncheon on January 14th. We should look through our closets to bring vintage Salty garments to be worn by Salty models in the Fashion Show. All Salties will soon receive an email invitation with more details about this special luncheon.

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

Carol had a joke about an elderly man who was deceased.



Salties "elfing" it up!



Nauti and Nice costumes



Winners of FWSA fun and games



Our Salty RC ready for the Candy Cane Regatta



Sailing in the "no rules" Candy Cane Regatta



Winners of the Candy Cane Regatta



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