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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

October 22, 2025

**CAPTAIN: MIK SEVERINI**

**Mik** opened the meeting with “Welcome, Salties, Ahoy!” She said it was good to be back and thanked **Co-Captain Audrey Orgo**, for filling in for her for the past two weeks.

**GUESTS:**

**Mik** welcomed Rosie Simpson, daughter of Class of 2025 Newbie, Julie Simpson. Rosie is the recipient of the 2024 FWSA Young Woman Sailor of the Year Award.

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION:**

Rosie Simpson, recipient of the FWSA Young Woman Sailor of the Year Award, gave an impressive presentation on her sailing accomplishments since receiving this award. She is investing in furthering her own sailing skills, as well as focusing on helping other young women sailors learn and grow in the sport. We are so proud of Rosie!

**Mik** also welcomed former Salty Sister, **Angela Kowalik**, to our lunch today. **PC Beverly Smoak** shared the many ways **Angela** has stepped in during 2024-25, with Salty Board approval, to resume her previous role as Webmaster for Salty Sisters, handling all web-related issues for us She has posted all messages, sent e-blasts, published the newsletters, accomplished the posting of our complete Handbook on our website for the first time, and is in the process of training our new webmaster, **Anna Olecka**.

**Beverly** presented **Angela** with a Thank You card and token of our appreciation for the many tireless hours she contributed to Salty Sisters communications this past year, even while she and her husband led 27 RVers over a 2-month trek through Alaska. We all got to share in celebration cake. Thank you, **Angela!**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS: MIK SEVERINI**

**Mik** invited **Anna Olecka, 2024-25 History Book Chair**, to come forward for a presentation. **Anna** presented **PC Beverly Smoak**, with the beautiful book recounting the many sailing and social activities that took place during **Beverly's** year as **Captain of Salty Sisters, 2024-2025**.

**Mik** acknowledged the work done by **PC Trisha Birkenstock** in planning and organizing last week's SPYC Adult Yachting Recognition Awards. It represented many hours of preparation and **Trisha** did an amazing job. We thank you, **Trisha!**

**Gail Falkingham** reminded everyone who has signed up for the Salty Sister 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Cruise, to check the expiration date on their passports. Passports cannot expire before 6 months after the cruise date-so check to see if your passport needs to be renewed!

**CO-CAPTAIN: AUDREY ORGO**

**Audrey** said it was another great day on the water. We had 31 ladies sailing in Day 1 of an Ideal 18 Participation Series at the Sailing Center. There were 25 Salty Sisters and 6 Newbies on the water. **PRO Helle Getz** and her RC team, set a great course for the Ideal 18 sailors. There were 3 races completed in beautiful conditions, and average 9 knots of breeze. The Participation Series will conclude next week.

**HOSPITALITY: JOAN STEPHENSON**

**Joan** had two birthdays to announce today.

**SOCIAL: PC CHARL HADFIELD**

**Charl** had her garlic in hand to ward off the evil spirits in preparation for our Halloween Party to be held next week. While the grandmother costume theme is still good, **Charl** said there could be other options...pirates, anyone?!

**FWSA: PAT BURROWS**

**Pat**, FWSA 1<sup>st</sup> Delegate, said the two recent interclubs were very successful events. The Bitter Ends hosted a Mother Ducky event in Venice, and the Mainsheet Mamas hosted the Crewed Boat Extravaganza at Tampa Yacht Club. Both events provided opportunities to sail in a variety of boats.

**Pat** announced the Dinghy Dames, of Davis Island Yacht Club, would be hosting a Friendsgiving Regatta on November 11. This will be sailed in Sunfish and Optis. The registration deadline is November 2, and the cost is \$28.

**Pat** announced the Pink Ribbon Regatta, hosted by the Wayward Women, in Daytona Beach, will take place on November 15. See your email for more information.

On November 20, the Windlasses, of Dunedin, will host a No Frills, Just Thrills Regatta. This will be sailed in Sunfish and prams.

On December 9<sup>th</sup>, the Salty Sisters will be hosting an interclub and we will be looking for volunteers to help.

**CHARITIES: JOY RUDNICKI**

**Joy** reminded us of the deadline to submit applications for the 2025 Charities. All applications must be received, or postmarked by 5:00 p.m. on October 29, to be considered. The Salty Sisters Board of Directors will choose the Charities at their November Board Meeting. Donations to the Charities will be received at the Christmas party.

**CRUISE: MARCIA SMITH**

**Marcia** reported that the Haunted Trolley Tour was a success and was a lot of fun. The next cruise will be a Friendsgiving event at the James Museum on Tuesday, November 11. More information to come.

**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** was absent today, so **Jill Bridges** had a joke about a preacher and an observant little boy in the Sunday School class.



Rosie Simpson, the FWSA Young Woman Sailor of the Year Recipient



Anna presents Beverly with her History Book



Beverly thanks Angela for being Salty Sisters' Webmaster



Ideal 18 Participation Series racing today



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