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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

October 1, 2025

Salty Sister Annual Meeting

CAPTAIN: BEVERLY SMOAK

Beverly opened the meeting with, "Welcome, everyone to the Salty Sisters' 2025 Annual Meeting."

Beverly invited **Jennifer O'Neill** to offer an Invocation and lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance. She asked **Judy McFadden** to lead us in singing "God Bless America".

Beverly asked **Gail Falkingham, Barbara Deininger** and **Sue Davidson** to lead the *In Memoriam*. **Gail** read *Crossing the Bar*, by Alfred, Lord Tennyson. **Barbara** read the names of Salty Sisters who passed away this year: **Carol S. Hurd** (Class of 1993, Lifetime Member), **Dauna Kelso** (Class of 1996), **Sharon Sims** (Class of 1998), and **Lucy Flatley** (Class of 1998). **Sue** rang the bell as each name was read.

Beverly introduced Vice Commodore Chris Bergstrom who talked about the current state of the St Petersburg Yacht Club. He complimented Colleen Finney, newly appointed to the position of General Manager and Chief Operating Officer for St Petersburg Yacht Club. She is the first female in our yacht club's history to occupy this position. This milestone announcement drew a round of applause from the Salty Sisters. Vice Commodore said the Club is moving forward with the next phase of the Master Plan for the rebuild of the Club's building. He expects to continue to emphasize open communication to members and will do "Coffee with the Commodore", "Conversations with Chris" and/or "Bitching with Bergstrom." He expressed support for the Salty Sisters and their pursuit of a Sunfish Sailing program.

Beverly introduced Sailing Center Manager, Emma Shakespeare, who gave an update on activities at the Sailing Center. She said they had 450 participants in the summer sailing camp and 24 campers for the YMCA program. Plans are going forward to re-configure the docks at the Sailing Center. We have new spinnakers and maintenance work is being done on the Sonars.

Emma thanked the Salty Sisters for their help with past regattas and looks forward to more Salty participation in the upcoming season.

Beverly read the names of the 21 living Past Captains and asked those in attendance to stand and be recognized. She reminded them there would be a photo taken of this group after the meeting.

Official Business of the Annual Meeting

Approval of the minutes from the 2024 Annual Meeting

The approval of the minutes from the 2024 Annual Meeting was done by an appointed committee of **PC Jennifer Parramore, Angela Trienen, and Barbara Mehaffey**. Secretary **PC Gina Bowden-Pierce** reported that the minutes were approved and recorded. The minutes of the 2025 Annual Meeting will be prepared and approved by an appointed committee within 30 days of this meeting.

Board of Director Charms

Awards Officer **Helle Getz** read the names and **Beverly** presented the following charms: **Past Captain: PC Dee Gill, Co-Captain: Mik Severini, Secretary: PC Gina Bowden-Pierce, Treasurer: Audrey Orgo, Awards Officer: Helle Getz, Parliamentarian: PC Connie Beckman.**

Charms were presented to Second Year Directors: **Jill Bridges, Barbara Mehaffey, KT Trudeau**, and First Year Directors: **Tricia Billings, Gail Falkingham, and Rhonda Whitehead**.

Helle read names and **Beverly** presented charms to the Committee Chairs, FWSA Delegates & Officers, and SPYC Board Members.

Nominating Committee

Pat Burrows, Chair of the Nominating Committee, recognized her Committee Members, **Gail Falkingham, PC Carol Hansen, Kim Kuruzovich**, and **Co-Captain Mik Severini**. **Pat** announced the slate of Officers and Directors as: **Captain: Mik Severini, Co-Captain: Audrey Orgo, Treasurer: KT Trudeau, Secretary: Jennifer Anderson, Awards Officer: Barbara Mehaffey**. Candidates for **Board of Directors: Tish Bowden, PC Joyce Fraser, PC Carol Hansen, Katie Rodgers, Joan Stephenson, Angela Treinen**.

Membership Committee

PC Trisha Birkenstock and **PC Els Wiemken**, Co-Chairs, thanked their committee: **Co-Captain & Race Chair: Mik Severini, Skippers' Hat Chair: PC Janet Walker, Education Co-Chairs: Suzanne Boohar and PC Janet Walker, Member-at-Large: Angela Treinen, and BOD Liaison: Barbara Mehaffey**.

They recognized anniversary members who attained milestone years of membership in Salty Sisters.

60 years

DC Stevenson

50 years

PC Char-Nel Doyle

40 years

Judy McFadden

Kathy Mendelblatt

Tove Kullman

Rosie Watters

Betty Proper

Glenda Shakespeare

PC Joyce Fraser

Kristina Pasqualone

Barbara Townsend

PC Barbara Watson

30 years

PC Helen Larsen

Barbara Deininger

Gail Falkingham

Jean Hurst

PC Margaret Dawson

PC Sherry Welch

Cindy Weatherby

PC Susan Wallace

PC Barbara Arnold

Nancy Vildibill

PC Janet Walker

Kristina Thyrrre

20 years (Those Salty Sisters who were added to this anniversary milestone in 2025.)

Kathy Bush
Carol Crawford
Susan Peelman

Els and Trisha recognized and congratulated the Salty Sister Class of 2024: **Lindsay Carter, Cathy Lasky, Britt Madigan, Jenny Roche**. We welcome them as our newest Salty Sisters.

The Salty Sister Class of 2025 is participating in their sail training classes. These Newbies include Juliette Clark, Patricia Kincer, Eunice Livingston, Elizabeth McCaffree, Julie Simpson, and Courtney Watkins.

Skipper's Hat Committee

PC Janet Walker, Chair, reported the Qualifications for Skipper's Hat had been met and recognized **Cathy Lasky** and **Britt Madigan** as our newest designees. Congratulations!

Awards

FWSA Enthusiast Award

This award recognizes sailing, volunteering and participation for FWSA events. FWSA 1st Delegate, **Jennifer O'Neill** presented the FWSA Award to **PC Dee Gill**.

Salty Sisters Spirit Trophy

This trophy recognizes active participation in Wednesday morning sailing activities, including exemplifying the qualities of good sportsmanship, leadership, and involvement throughout all Salty positions held. **Captain Beverly Smoak** presented the Salty Sister Spirit Trophy to **Marti Cochran**. Marti could not be present at today's Annual Meeting, so **Beverly** accepted the trophy on her behalf.

Elizabeth Priestly Optimist Memorial Trophy

This trophy recognizes optimism, enthusiasm, and strength of character in promotion of sailing activities. **Co-Captain Mik Severini** presented the Elizabeth Priestly Optimist Memorial Trophy to **Pat Burrows**.

Amy Joyce Uhler Race Management Trophy

This trophy recognizes dedication to race management and participation in Salty Sister Race Committee. **Co-Captain Mik Severini** presented the Amy Joyce Uhler Race Management Trophy to **Helle Getz**.

Election Results

Head Teller **PC Sherry Welch**, and her team of **Nancy Dunn, Lori Leadbetter**, and **Sarah Richards** presented the results of the election. The Officer Slate was elected unanimously.

Captain: Mik Severini

Co-Captain: Audrey Orgo

Treasurer: KT Trudeau

Secretary: Jennifer Anderson

Awards Officer: Barbara Mehaffey

Directors:

PC Joyce Fraser

Katie Rodgers

Angela Treinen

Historian

Due to the timing of last week's Welcome Back Party being later in September than usual, **Historian, Anna Olecka**, will present our 2024-25 History Book at an upcoming October Salty Sister meeting.

Installation of Officers

Beverly reflected on her past year as **Captain** and thanked the Salty Sisters for their guidance and support of her term. She described the **Captain's** pin, designed by **PC Barbara Watson**, which she wore to all Salty functions and to the SPYC Executive Committee meetings. She presented the **Captain's** pin, SPYC patch that belonged to 1992's **Captain Fay Baynard**, and gavel to **Mik Severini**, our new **Captain**.

Mik described the **Co-Captain** pin, designed by **PC Barbara Watson**, and presented it to our new **Co-Captain, Audrey Orgo**.

Captain Mik announced the incoming 2025/2026 Committee Chairs and FWSA Delegates.

Captain Mik adjourned the meeting and asked everyone to move to the waterfront room for the 75th Anniversary All-Salty Sisters 75th Anniversary Photograph and other annual photos. Lunch followed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Co-Captain Audrey Orgo announced we would have sailing next week with the beginning of the Jobin, Misfit, and Chile races in Optis. We will sign up on TeamReach.

Marcia Smith, Cruise Chair, announced we will be doing the Haunted Trolley Tour on Wednesday, October 8, 6:00 p.m. Sign up on the History Museum website or call **Marcia Smith**. Tickets are \$45 for the 90-minute tour of haunted sites in St Petersburg.

Pat Burrows, FWSA 1st Delegate, reminded us of the Oct 8 deadline to sign up for the FWSA Crewed Boat Extravaganza to be held on October 16 at Tampa Yacht Club. There will be opportunities to sail in 420s, Flying Scots, Capris, and Zests.

Barbara Deininger, Co-Chair of the 75th Diamond Jubilee Luncheon, announced a change in plans for the kick-off event. We will celebrate at a Salty Sister luncheon on January 14, in the SPYC ballroom. Save the date!

PC Beverly Smoak expressed appreciation for former Salty Sister, **Angela Kowalik**, who has been in charge of all Webmaster support and all email distributions of Salty announcements from January 2025 through September 2025, even while she was leading a caravan of 27 RV travelers around the wilds of Alaska. **Angela** will work to train and transition the Webmaster responsibilities to **Anna Olecka** who will be assuming this role for 2025-2026.

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 nun and a pair of slippers.



Pat Burrows receives the Priestley Optimist Trophy From Captain Mik Severini



PC Dee Gill receives the FWSA Enthusiast Award from Jennifer O'Neill



Helle Getz receives the Amy Joyce Uhler Race Management Award from Captain Mik Severini



Beverly presents the Captain's Pin to Mik Severini






Mik presents the Co-Captain's Pin to Audrey Orgo



Salty Sisters Officers and Directors 2025-2026

Front: PC Connie Beckman, Parliamentarian; Barbara Mehaffey, Awards Officer; KT Trudeau, Treasurer; Audrey Orgo, Co-Captain; Jennifer Anderson, Secretary; Beverly Smoak, Past Captain
 Back: PC Joyce Fraser, Director; Katie Rodgers, Director; Angela Treinen, Director; Gail Falkingham, Director; Tricia Billings, Director; Rhonda Whitehead, Director
 Top: Mik Severini, Captain

	<p>Salty Sister Dropbox Photo Albums: Managed by Carol Hansen Click on the Dropbox icon to view and download our photos.</p>
	<p>Salty Sister Facebook Page: Managed by Jill Bridges Click on the Facebook icon on the left and check out our updated Facebook page.</p>
	<p>Newsletter Scribe: Jennifer Parramore Coordinator: Gwen Mann Editor: Barbara Mehaffey, Beverly Smoak Committee: Pat Burrows Webmaster: Anna Olecka</p>