

Jenny Roche Bio

Sailing—or at least being around sailboats—has been part of my life almost since birth. At just three weeks old, my parents had me sleeping in a swinging fruit basket aboard their Catalina 25 on Lake Winnepesaukee. From about ages four to fourteen, many of our family adventures were aboard my dad's Irwin 36, which we kept in the Florida Keys for much of that time.

Ironically, despite growing up around sailboats, I wasn't all that interested in actually learning to sail. I preferred the dinghy, a Boston Whaler with a 10-horsepower Evinrude. It was faster and, more importantly, gave me the freedom to head off and explore on my own!

That changed in 2016 when I bought a Hobie 16 for our lake house and decided it was finally time to learn. After a few summers of trying to “fly a hull”—and flipping it more times than I care to admit— I realized some actual sailing lessons might be a good idea.

I have lived full-time in St. Petersburg since 2012 and am a real estate Broker with RE/MAX Realty Unlimited, selling residential real estate throughout St. Pete and the Tampa Bay area. Outside of work, I'm happiest on the water. I own a bay boat, am an avid fisherwoman, and still consider myself very much a novice sailor.

I joined the Salty Sisters as part of the Class of 2024, and what I have enjoyed most is the opportunity to connect with an amazing group of women who share similar interests and a love of the water. The Salties give me a place to learn, improve my sailing, meet new people, and, most importantly, have fun doing it.

To me, being a Salty is about much more than sailing. It's the friendships, camaraderie, shared experiences, and the opportunity for women to learn from and encourage one another.

I am running for the Board because I would like to become more involved and give back to a group that I have truly enjoyed being part of. I would be honored to serve and help continue the traditions, friendships, fun, and sense of community that make being a Salty Sister so special.

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