

Audrey L. Orgo – Bio

First, I would like to say how honored I am to have been nominated as Captain for the Salty Sisters. But I will say the best volunteer job I have had was your Co-Captain. I started the year just thinking I just wanted to have fun with the job and try to do my best but along the way not only was I having fun doing the job, but I was working with some incredible women. The Salty Sisters know how to step up and help others. I had the opportunity to see first-hand what the Salties can do. I received a lot of caring advice from so many people. I want to personally thank Marti Cochran, Dee Gill and Britt Madigan for leading the Education portion of our Wednesday mornings when we could not sail. We had some memorable events, and they thought outside the box. We had an outing to the Tampa Bay Watch Discovery museum and Britt, and her dad donated a spinnaker simulator. We have had some great practice with it and I expect we will be using it in the coming year. I want to give thanks to Jennifer Parramore and Helle Getz for allowing me to call for advice whenever I was struggling with the week's sailing events and I struggled often. They never let me down. I will miss working with them. I want to express my gratitude to Joan Stephenson, Trisha Billings and Kim Kurzovich for their faithful service on Safety Ashore because without them we would not be sailing. I was told that the locker needed to be cleaned up twice a year. Well with this Safety Ashore team that job never had to be done. And to my dear friend Jennifer O'Neal for doing everything she could to help me out despite her own personal limitations. Her and the rest of the Safety Ashore team mended all the Borad Reacher sails so we could use them for the upcoming FWSA Naughty or Nice regatta last December. I cannot say enough about the Race Committee team Barabara Maheffey, Carol Hansen, Jill Bridges and Rhonda Whitehead they were out on the water faithfully. I would get phone calls letting me know how sorry they were if they could not serve on a particular week. Very dedicated Salties. And to Gloria Davis and Selga Sakss for chipping in when I was shorthanded. Again, never let me down. And lastly to all the Skipper Hats for your commitment to come out on a weekly basis and being very supportive of the crews I put together without questioning my rhyme or reason. I hope everyone had as much fun as I did.

As a Salty I have served as your Co-Captain and for two years was your Treasurer, and I was 1st and 2nd Delegate for FWSA, and I was on the social committee with Mik and Shelly.

In my personal life I spent most of my life in Colts Neck, New Jersey. I was raised there and when I was married, we raised our children there. At the ripe age of 59 years old I ended up divorcing my husband of 34 years. I decided to come to Florida to start a different life. I had a friend encourage me to go back into sailing, so I found out about the Salty Sisters. It took me three years to make my decision before I joined the Salties. I am sorry but I was struggling with the whole Pram sailing but I knew in the long run that the Salty Sisters was going to be a good fit for me and there is plenty of sailing opportunities.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve this great organization.