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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

December 3, 2025

CAPTAIN: MIK SEVERINI

Mik opened the meeting with “Ahoy Salty Sisters!”. She thanked **PC Carol Hansen**, and her committee for their work in making the Christmas Boutique a huge success. **Carol** also thanked her Co-Chair **Lindsay Carter**, and all the members of her committee, for their tireless work for the Boutique. She said we raised approximately \$13,000 for YMCA scholarships to be awarded for the SPSC summer youth sailing programs. Way to go, Salties!

Mik reminded us the Salty Sisters are hosting the FWSA Interclub *Nauti or Nice* next Tuesday, December 9th. We still need some strong helpers to launch and move boats. Please let **Mik** or **Pat Burrows** know if you have someone who can help. Also, there is room for more people on the Spectator Boat. Let **Mik** know if you have anyone to add.

GUESTS:

KT Trudeau introduced her daughter, Alicia. Other guests were Kristen Bracy from *I Rise*, and Sarah Shine from *Clothes for Kids*.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

Today we heard from 2 of the Christmas Charities. **Audrey Orgo** Introduced Kristen Bracy from *I Rise*. Kristen presented an informative look into the service her organization provides to those who are survivors of human trafficking. *I Rise* provides a four-week, intensive, program to provide tools for survivors to learn the skills necessary to confidently approach recovery and succeed in life.

Joy Rudnicki, Christmas Charities Chair, introduced Sarah Shine, Development Manager for *Clothes for Kids*. This organization provides opportunities for low-income children to select clothes to wear to school. If you look smart and feel smart, you will be smart. *Clothes for Kids* helps to build confidence and hope for these students.

Donations to the 5 Charities will take place during the Salty Sisters’ Christmas Party on December 17. Boxes will be available to accept donations for each Charity. Salty Sisters have always been very generous in supporting our Charities in the past, so bring your cash and checkbooks to the party on the 17th.

CO-CAPTAIN: AUDREY ORGO

Audrey reported that there was no sailing today due to lack of wind. Instead, **PC Dee Gill** and **Marti Cochran**, Education Co-Chairs, led an interesting discussion on sailing tactics. **Helle Getz** provided some guidance for those sailing in the *Nauti or Nice* Interclub next week.

Audrey announced we will be holding the Candy Cane Regatta next Wednesday, December 10. **PC Carol Hansen** added that this Regatta is a lot of fun and does not have any rules! Sailors are needed as well as RC, so sign up when **Audrey** sends out the message on TeamReach. Christmas attire is the dress of the day.

HOSPITALITY: JOAN STEPHENSON

KT Trudeau, standing in for **Joan**, announced 3 birthdays.

SOCIAL: PC CHARL HADFIELD

Charl, aka the Jingle Bell Elf, announced the Salty Sisters' Christmas Party will be Wednesday, December 17, starting at 10:30 a.m. It will have an Elf theme, and we are encouraged to wear red and white attire. We all look forward to the skit to be presented by the Salty Sister Class of 2024.

Charl recognized **KT Trudeau** for her creative "ugly" sweater in today's contest.

FWSA: PAT BURROWS

Pat, **FWSA 1st Delegate**, said registration for the *Nauti or Nice* Interclub has been extended to Thursday, December 4. She reminded us of the need for help with moving boats.

Pat congratulated **Marti Cochran** and Saltine **Juliette Clark** for their 3rd place finish in the Sunfish Team Racing event in Dunedin.

The next FWSA General Meeting will be held Monday, January 12, 9:30-3:30, at the Clearwater Yacht Club.

CRUISE: MARCIA SMITH

In Marcia's absence, **Taryn Bergstrom** announced the Salty Sisters Ornament Exchange on Thursday, December 11, 4:30-6:30 p.m. in the Regatta Room. Bring a wrapped ornament for the exchange and prepare to have fun with swapping and stealing. Note that food and beverages can be served in the Regatta Room.

STORES: KIM KURUZOVICH, CONNIE SMITH

Connie said Century Jewelers would be setting up a website specifically dedicated to Salty Sisters. We will be able to order silver or 14k gold items. Look for the website soon!

She also presented a bracelet that is being offered from Bourbon & Bowties. The bracelet will have the Salty Sisters 75th Anniversary logo and will come in sizes medium to extra-large. The cost will be \$20, and orders will be taken next week.

AWARDS: BARBARA MEHAFFEY

Barbara announced a Flipper charm had been earned by **Julie Simpson**. She had the New Salty Disc Charms to present to the Class of 2024, but the recipients were practicing for their upcoming class skit for our Christmas Party and were not present at lunch today. She presented the charms to the 1st place team in the Sonar Series. Charms went to **Jennifer Parramore**, skipper, and **Marti Cochran** and **Bijie Ding**, crew.

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

We look forward to the first event to celebrate the Salty Sisters Diamond Anniversary on January 14th. There will be a fashion show, "Salty Sisters' Fashions through the Decades". We should look through our closets to bring vintage Salty garments to be worn by Salty models in the Fashion Show.

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 an elderly couple celebrating an anniversary.



Christmas Boutique helpers



Jingle Bell Elf-Charl



Ugly sweater contestants.....and the winner-KT!



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