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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

January 7, 2026

CAPTAIN: MIK SEVERINI

Mik greeted us with a hearty “Happy New Year”! She said this is the start of the Salty Sisters’ 75th Anniversary year and we have many great plans in store for us. We started the meeting a little early because there is a lot of information to share about upcoming events (75th Anniversary, Cruise, Charities, and Boutique).

GUESTS:

There were no guests today.

CO-CAPTAIN: AUDREY ORGO

Audrey opened with, “Ahoj, Salties”! She reported that we could not sail the planned Maggie Mug Series today due to lack of wind and early morning fog. At the Sailing Center the Skipper’s Hats drew names for their crew for sailing the Maggie Mug which has been rescheduled for Wednesday, January 28th. The Skipper’s Hats led spinnaker education and practice with their respective crews.

There will be education and no sailing on January 14 and 21, respectively. In February we will have education on sailing in the Sunfish.

HOSPITALITY: JOAN STEPHENSON

Joan announced 2 birthdays.

SALTY SISTERS 75TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE: PC BEVERLY SMOAK

Committee Chair, **Beverly**, expressed appreciation to **Barbara Deininger** and **Gretchen Tenbrock-Wolfe**, for chairing the 75th Anniversary Kick-Off Luncheon on January 14th. Other events planned as part of the 75th Anniversary celebration include the Cruise (February), Memorial Regatta (May) and the Close-out Party (October), as well as other surprises. **Beverly** also said there was a sheet on each table outlining opportunities for Salties to consider making monetary donations to the 75th Anniversary events. One Salty Sister has already donated \$150. Donations can be received in cash, check, credit card, or via ZELLE.

Barbara Deininger reminded us that today is the last day to make a reservation for the 75th Anniversary Luncheon on January 14th. When you sign up, you will be given a choice of menu items. She encouraged Salties to arrive by 10:30 so they could peruse the Annual History Books, Storyboards by Decades, and other displays and, perhaps, enjoy a signature cocktail before the lunch and program. There will be opportunities to share memories and stories of Salty days past, so think about all the wonderful times you have shared with your Salty Sisters.

The attire for the event is Resort Casual, and we are encouraged to wear Salty Sisters items, our nametags and charm bracelets/necklaces.

Let’s get ready to CELEBRATE 75 Years of Salty Sisters!!!

FWSA: PAT BURROWS

Pat, **FWSA 1st Delegate**, reported there will be Education at Davis Island Yacht Club on January 12th. The next FWSA General Meeting will be held on January 21st in Clearwater. On February 18th, the Bitter Ends will host an Interclub in Venice.

STORES: KIM KURUZOVICH, CONNIE SMITH

Connie said **Kim** and **Gail Falkingham** are taking orders/payment for the T-shirts for the cruise. She said Century Jewelers, in Gulfport, now has a link available for ordering Salty Sisters jewelry.

CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE: PC CAROL HANSEN

Carol reported that the Christmas Boutique was a huge success and had raised over \$14,000 for scholarships to be awarded for the YMCA summer youth sailing programs. She expressed appreciation to all the sponsors.

75TH ANNIVERSARY CRUISE: PC CAROL HANSEN

Carol explained checking-in procedures for the Salty Sisters who are going on the 75th Anniversary Cruise to Cozumel in February.

CHRISTMAS CHARITIES: JOY RUDNICKI

Joy thanked the Salty Sisters for their generous donations to our 5 Christmas Charities. There was a total of \$16,700 raised and a few more checks are still coming in.

Joy also told us **PC Shirley Rigo** has been selected as a Princess for the annual Queen of Hearts Ball. **Shirley** is being honored for her many hours working on behalf of and fundraising for many non-profits in our area. Congrats **Princess Shirley!**

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 boy who had to do chores before breakfast.



Getting some spinnaker practice at the Sailing Center today

	Salty Sister Dropbox Photo Albums: Managed by Carol Hansen Click on the Dropbox icon to view and download our photos.
	Salty Sister Facebook Page: Managed by Jill Bridges Click on the Facebook icon on the left and check out our updated Facebook page.
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