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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

March 18, 2026

CAPTAIN: MIK SEVERINI

Mik opened the meeting with, "Happy afternoon!"

GUESTS:

We welcomed **Barbara Mehaffey's** daughter and granddaughter, Shayne and Peyton Welch, to our luncheon. Also, **Kitty Safford** was here with her daughter and granddaughter, **Nancy Westphal** and Katherine Westphal. We celebrated 3 generations with Salties today!

CO-CAPTAIN: AUDREY ORGO

Audrey said we did not sail today due to the Lightning Regatta taking place at the Sailing Center. Instead, **Marti Cochran** and **Britt Madigan** arranged for a field trip to the Tampa Bay Watch Discovery Center located on The Pier. Salties enjoyed a guided tour of the facility and learned about Tampa Bay Watch's mission to preserve and restore Tampa Bay waters. The Discovery Center is a great place to learn about the history of the waters surrounding St. Petersburg. There are many opportunities for people to volunteer to help with their many ecological projects. They have a second location on Tierra Verde where there are classrooms and programs to learn more about Tampa Bay Watch.

Audrey announced SPYC will be offering Wednesday night racing beginning April 8. Racing will be in Melges 15s and J70s. If interested, just show up at the Sailing Center on Wednesdays around 4:00 p.m. with the first starts scheduled for 5:30 p.m. Also, SPSC is planning for some Saturday morning racing with more information on that to come. Please email the SPSC at sailingcenter@spyc.org to request that you be added to these kind of notices on a regular basis.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

PC Gloria Davis, for Webmaster **Anna Olecka**, asked for everyone to respond to the recent Survey about the Salty Sisters Website. The deadline for responding has been extended to the end of March. Please respond to the survey with your thoughts and wishes for our website.

Gwen Mann thanked Salties for recent cards and calls during her recent illness. She reminded us that she is the Member-at-Large, and comments and concerns can be sent to her via the Suggestion Box, text, or email.

HOSPITALITY: JOAN STEPHENSON

Angela Trienen represented **Joan** today. She announced 3 birthdays and welcomed **Camilla Kilgroe** back to Salty lunch. We were happy to see **Cam**!

SOCIAL: PC CHARL HADFIELD

Charl showed us how prisms were used to bring daylight into ancient sailing vessels. She announced the annual Salty Sisters Easter party on April 1. We will have a Bunny Hop, Easter Bonnet Contest, Egg Hunt, Jellybean Count, and a parade through the club in our bonnets! There will be prizes and a lot of fun.

FWSA: PAT BURROWS

Pat, FWSA 1st Delegate, said we had good representation at the Luffing Lassies' FWSA Interclub, "Spring Break", in Sarasota on March 12. Salties **Audrey Orgo** and **Suzanne Boohar** took 1st place and **PC Els Wiemken** and **Pat Burrows** took 3rd place sailing in the American 18s. **PC Dee Gill** sailed in her Sunfish and took 10th place among a very large group of Sunfish competitors.

The next FWSA Interclub will be “Back to the Beach” hosted by the Rhumb Runners at Boca Ciega Yacht Club on Monday, March 23. This will be sailed in Sunfish. We are looking for volunteers to help with transporting boats to BCYC. Contact **Pat** or **Dee** if you can help.

Pat said the Salty Sisters received a thank you note for our generous donation to the Young Woman Sailor of the Year Award. She is accepting nominations for this award so if you know of a worthy young woman, let **Pat** know.

SALTY SISTERS 75TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION COMMITTEE: PC BEVERLY SMOAK

PC Gina Bowden-Pierce, Chair of the Salty Sisters Trivia Contest and Pizza Party, is today serving on Race Committee for SPYC’s Lightning Regatta along with **Helle Getz** who is the PRO for this day of the Regatta. On behalf of **Gina, Beverly** announced that the Party will be on Tuesday, April 7, starting at 6:00 p.m. There will be a variety of pan pizzas, a salad bar, assorted cookies, beverages, and a bar set up. The price is only \$20++. The Trivia Games, all focused on sailing and fun historical facts about our 75 years as Salty Sisters, will be loads of fun, and we are encouraged to start assembling teams to meet the challenge! **Gina** will emcee the contest questions, along with help from other experienced Salty trivia buffs, and “Trivia Dave” will provide DJ musical entertainment. To prepare for the Trivia questions, study the Salty Sisters Handbook and the Salty Sisters section of the SPYC Centennial Book (this can be accessed through the SPYC website). The Salty Sisters 75th Anniversary Committee asks each Salty to submit a fun fact about themselves that might show up in a trivia question. We should also submit a photo of ourselves, age toddler to 3rd grade. There will be a contest to identify the photos! Be sure to go on to the SPYC Calendar and register for this event.

Beverly announced **Co-Captain Audrey** will be running a 75th Anniversary Memorial Regatta on May 13. More information to come. On May 16, **Jill Bridges** and **Beverly** will be hosting a 75th Anniversary Lake Day Party so stay tuned for more information about both exciting events.

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

PC Sherry Welch filled in for **Carol**, with a joke about a maid who was asking her employer for a raise.






WSA Interclub Winning Sailors
(not pictured **Suzanne Bohar**)



Salties visiting Tampa Bay Watch Discovery Center



	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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