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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

October 15, 2025

**CAPTAIN: MIK SEVERINI**

**Mik** was out of town, so **Co-Captain Audrey Orgo** greeted us with, "Ahoy, Salties!"

**GUESTS:**

There were no guests, but we welcomed the only 60-year member of the Salty Sisters, **DC Stevenson**. It was good to have her with us today.

**AWARDS: BARBARA MEHAFFEY**

**Barbara** congratulated **PC Beverly Smoak** and Briny Brother Paul Goodman on their election to the SPYC Board of Directors as announced by Commodore Joe DiVito at the SPYC 2025 Annual Meeting held on October 14. **Barbara** also reported on the Salty Sisters and Briny Brothers who were recognized at the SPYC Adult Yachting Recognition Awards ceremony held immediately before the Annual Meeting and which was organized and emceed by **PC Trisha Birkenstock**, Chair of the SPYC Yachting Information Committee.

The prestigious **Pat Seidenspinner Leadership in Women's Sailing Award** was presented to **Helle Getz** for her outstanding contributions to sailing, racing, and race committee for more than 50 years. This award is not presented every year, only when someone shows excellent commitment to the sport. The award was established in 2008 and **Helle** is the third name to go on the trophy, following **PC Carole Bardes** and **PC Kathy Ahern**.

**PC Gina Bowden-Pierce**, **PC Barbara Watson**, and Briny Brother Bill Ballard were recognized for their extensive work on producing the SPYC Centennial Book.

**PC Janet Walker**, **PC Gloria Davis**, and **PC Selga Sakss** were recognized for their ongoing support of offshore racing, organizing and implementing racing series, and serving on race committee for many years.

**Beth Pennington** and her Briny, George Pennington, were recognized for their many years of leadership in SPYC sailboat racing and leading race committee.

Briny Brother Paul Goodman was recognized for his leadership in ocean racing, particularly, along with **Barbara Goodman**, for serving as PRO for the Regatta Del Sol Al Sol.

Congratulations to these Salty Sisters and Briny Brothers for their amazing accomplishments!

**CO-CAPTAIN: AUDREY ORGO**

**Audrey** said it was a great day at the Sailing Center today. There was a 10-knot breeze and nice temperatures. We had 29-30 people on the water and/or Safety Ashore. The RC, led by PRO **Helle Getz**, set a windward-leeward course for the Ideal 18 sailors to practice race. There were 3 races sailed. We had 3 boats with experienced sailors and 3 boats with Newbies and their coaches. It was a great day for sailing!

**HOSPITALITY: JOAN STEPHENSON**

**Joan** announced one birthday. She also reported a radio was found on the seawall at the Sailing Center. If anyone is missing their radio, it was turned into the Sailing Center office.

**SOCIAL: PC CHARL HADFIELD**

**Charl** reminded us of the Halloween Party on October 29. She said we could dress like our grandmothers would have dressed, in keeping with the Salty Sisters' 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration theme. There may be prizes! If we don't want to do that, we can wear any other Halloween costume or attire.

**FWSA: PAT BURROWS**

**Pat**, our FWSA 1<sup>st</sup> Delegate, reminded us of the FWSA Crewed Boat Extravaganza being held October 16 at the Tampa Yacht Club and hosted by the Mainsheet Mamas. There are 50 registered for this fun sailing event which will provide opportunities to sail in several different kinds of boats including Flying Scots, 420s, Zests, and Capris. Participants should be at TYC to register 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. and be ready to sail by 9:30 a.m.

**CHRISTMAS CHARITIES: JOY RUDNICKI**

**Joy** said, despite recovering from the after-effects of 2 hurricanes, Salty Sisters gave over \$12,000 to our Christmas Charities last year. She said she has applications available for anyone wishing to nominate a Charity to be considered for this year. All applications must be postmarked/received by the deadline of October 29, 2025. Applications will be presented to the Salty Sisters Board for consideration and 4 will be selected at the Board's November meeting. We will hear brief presentations on behalf of the Charities selected. There will be boxes for each Charity at the Christmas party to receive donations. **Joy** thanked the Salty Sisters for their generosity.

**PC Janet Walker**, Education, introduced the Newbies who were present at lunch: Courtney Watkins, Julie Simpson, Elizabeth McCaffree, Eunice Livingston, and Juliette Clark. Newbie Patricia Kincer was not at lunch today.

**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: PC CAROL HANSEN**

**Carol** had a joke about a couple who wanted to take a helicopter ride.



Janet, Selga, Gloria with  
Commodore DiVito



Helle Getz with the  
Pat Seidenspinner  
Leadership in Women's  
Sailing Award



Gina, Bill, Barbara  
for the Centennial Book



Briny Paul Goodman



George and Beth Pennington



Salties and Newbies practice sailing in the Ideal 18s



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