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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

April 15, 2026

CAPTAIN: MIK SEVERINI

Mik greeted the Salty Sisters and remarked what a wonderful morning we had on the water, sailing Sunfish and Optis in preparation for the Rainbow Regatta. She also thanked Safety Ashore for their hard work and energy to help launch and pull in the Sunfish boats.

CO-CAPTAIN: AUDREY ORGO

Audrey thanked all involved in this morning's water activities. We had a nice light easterly wind. There were 10 Salty Sisters in Sunfish, completing 5 races. Lynn Randall was our wonderful coach again. Apparently, we need to improve our adherence to racing rules as well as our sailing skills. **Audrey** was consistently over early and **Pat Burrows** flipped her boat but was able to get back in. Returning to the Sailing Center was a bit of a challenge, with competition from the returning Sonar sailors.

PC Barbara Watson and **Britt Madigan** coached the 7 Opti sailors. **Barbara** complemented two new sailors, **Jenny Roach** and **Patty Kinser** who had a good "head-to-head". In the classroom, **Britt** provided super instruction on rules and racing tactics.

We had 12 women on Race Committee; **PC Els Wiemken** and Lynn Randall took some great photos and videos.

Sailing events like this cannot happen without a lot of help from volunteers. Thanks to everyone who pitched in with the Sunfish and Optis, helping to launch, retrieve and rinse the boats. A special shout out to **Trisha Billings** and **Joan Stephenson** for all their help with these tasks. Declan from the Sailing Center staff also pitched in, adding significant muscle to the job of pulling Sunfish up the steep ramp. **Joan** reminded us to return Salty towels after use, as we are running very low.

HOSPITALITY: JOAN STEPHENSON

Joan announced 4 birthdays for the coming week: Micki Siviter, Molly Raymond and Elizabeth McCaffree and Anna Olecka.

FWSA

Lori Hodges, Rainbow Chair, reviewed the list of sailors who have and have not yet registered for the Rainbow Regatta. The final date for registration is April 23. **PC Dee Gill** is organizing transportation of the club Sunfish to the Clearwater Community Sailing Center on Sunday, April 26. Volunteers will be needed for the Optis and Prams, to transport Prams from storage, load them in the U-Haul and drive them to the event and back. All of the sailors planning to use the Optis and Prams should make themselves available for this. We will need Opti volunteers on April 26th to load boats onto Uhaul.

STORES: KIM KURUZOVICH, CONNIE SMITH

Connie Smith brought some new brightly colored shirts from IBKUL. She was able to find them on sale at \$30 to \$33 each. Some of the Saltys tried them on and they seem to fit as expected. She will order some more if they are available. Our logo can be added for an additional \$20. **Connie** is also excited to announce that someone from Century Jewelers will be at our meeting next week with some jewelry.

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 SHERRY WELSH

Sherry, filling in for Carol, had a joke about a husband and wife exchanging messages.



Mik Severini



Suzanne Boohar



Julie Simpson



Salty Sister Dropbox Photo Albums: Managed by **Carol Hansen**
Click on the Dropbox icon to view and download our photos.



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