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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

November 5, 2025

#### **CAPTAIN: MIK SEVERINI**

**Mik** greeted the Salty Sisters and commented on how much she enjoyed the Mother Ducky race. She praised her "Mother Duck" **PC Els Wiemken** for her patience and great coaching.

The Salty Sisters were well represented at the SPYC Clubs Within the Club Expo event on Nov. 4 and Mik expressed her appreciation for **PC Trisha Birkenstock**, **Jennifer O'Neill**, **PC Els Wiemken** and **PC Carol Hansen**, who put together a great presentation at short notice.

**GUESTS:** We had no guests today.

#### **CO-CAPTAIN: AUDREY ORGO**

**Audrey** described a great day on the water for the 12 pram sailors in the Mother Ducky race and the Sonar sailors, who practiced upwind and downwind.

We had a total of 35 women on the water.

Mother Ducky teams and results:

Third place: **PC Els Wiemken**, **Mik Severini**, and **Julie Simpson** (who earned her flipper).

Second place: **PC Carol Hansen**, **PC Gina Bowden-Pierce**, and **Elizabeth McCaffree**.

Tied for first place: **Katie Rodgers**, **Juliette Clark**, **Bijie Ding**, and **PC Barbara Watson**, **Eunice Livingston**, and **Britt Madigan**.

Coach/Safety: **PC Janet Walker**, **KT Trudeau**, and **PC Selga Sakss**.

Photo: **Angela Treinen** and **Cathy Lasky**.

Mother Ducky RC: **PRO PC Jen Parramore**, **Kim Kuruzovich**, and **Tish Bowden**.

Coach/Mark: **Suzanne Boohar**, **Rhonda Whitehead**, and **Audrey Orgo**.

Sonar RC was **Helle Getz** and **Jill Bridges**.

Safety Ashore: **Tricia Billings**, **Joan Stephenson**, **Kim Kuruzovich**, and **Jennifer O'Neill**.

Sailing Sonars were **PC Dee Gill**, **Jennifer Anderson**, **Marti Cochran**, **Renee Athey**, **Pat Burrows**, and **PC Beverly Smoak**.

#### **HOSPITALITY: JOAN STEPHENSON**

**Joan** announced four birthdays. On a sad note, she shared that Briny Brother Ken Beckman, **PC Connie Beckman's** husband, passed away peacefully on October 31st, at age 103. Ken served in the Air Force and was a chief navigator for two presidents, retiring from the Air Force as a full colonel. Services will be at 2:00p.m., November 22 at Christ United Methodist Church, 467 First Avenue N., St. Petersburg.

#### **SOCIAL: PC CHARL HADFIELD**

**Charl** was represented by **Gail Falkingham**, who announced our Thanksgiving lunch will be November 19 at 11:30. Dress up in your best pilgrim attire if you wish. There is no Salty Sister lunch meeting on November 26, the day before Thanksgiving. However, many Salty Sisters traditionally meet in the lounge for lunch together.

#### **FWSA: PAT BURROWS**

**Pat**, FWSA 1<sup>st</sup> delegate, announced that several Salty Sisters have registered to sail in the Dinghy Dames "Friendsgiving" interclub regatta at Davis Island Yacht Club on November 8.

The Windlasses' "No Frills, Just Thrills" team racing interclub regatta in Dunedin takes place on November 20. November 6 was the last day to register. Salty Sisters has 5 sailors signed up.



The Salty Sister “Nauti or Nice” Regatta will take place at SPSC on December 9. This will be a busy and fun event. More volunteers are needed, especially for launching Sunfish and managing dollies. Contact the Volunteers’ Coordinator **Anna Olecka** to sign up for supporting roles. If you would like to serve on Race Committee, contact **Helle Getz**.

#### **CRUISE: MARCIA SMITH**

The Salty Sister cruise to the James Museum will take place on November 11. Rendezvous at 5:00p.m. at the SPYC Heritage Lounge. At 6:00p.m., everyone will walk to the James Museum for a “Friendsgiving” bracelet workshop and tour of the exhibits. Bring \$10.

#### **STORES: KIM KURUZOVICH, CONNIE SMITH**

**Kim** said there is a new shirt being ordered in time for the February cruise. It will have the 75th anniversary logo on it. You can put an order in at lunch or call **Kim** or **Connie**.

**Connie Smith** is checking on Salty Sister jewelry; if you are interested, please call her.

**Kim** said there are a limited number of license plate covers available in Stores. They have “St Petersburg Yacht Club” across the top and “Salty Sisters” across the bottom.

**PC Janet Walker** also has a few protest flags for sale at \$10.65. Contact her if you previously requested one.

#### **75TH ANNIVERSARY EVENTS**

**Barbara Deininger**, Co-Chair along with **Gretchen Tenbrock-Wolfe** of the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Kick-Off Luncheon, gave an update on this event. The Luncheon will be on January 14, 2026, from 11:00a.m to 2:00p.m. and a full program is planned for that day. All active and former Salties will be invited to join this celebration. This Kick-Off event will be the first of several events and many activities planned throughout 2026 to commemorate the auspicious anniversary.

**Gail Falkingham** provided useful tips in preparation for the Salty Sister cruise in February. Travelers need to be certain their passports are up to date. Final payment will be due November 17. Cruisers are advised to download the Royal Caribbean App.

**LUNCH RESERVATIONS:** Use the SPYC.org 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 “John joke” about manners.



Mother Ducky Regatta



Opti sailors and Race Committee during the Mother Ducky Regatta.  
PC Gina Bowden-Pierce is holding the Opti flag.



**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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