

**The Party at the North Jetty Park began at 9:30 a.m.**

I began with the treasurer's report and proceeded with the bidding for the trophies. Shirley bid for the Denis Hill Sunfish, Judy Collins received the Pram, Gloria Casey emailed in her bid for the Opti trophy. The Fall Regatta Opti plaque was bid by Ann Carroll, and the Pram was presented to Wendy Murray! Congratulations to Jill Joos, Shipmate of the Year winner (keep it secret until she returns back to Venice) and Susan St. John, FWSA Enthusiast Award winner for attending the most Interclubs!

Gifts were presented to: Marge - best partner VC/dock master who got us out and back safely; Lois our RC, negotiator par excellence; Jane, Secretary, the fastest pen with a sense of humor in SW Florida; and Ann, as Treasurer with a flair for fiscal acuity! They had strong support from Susan St. John, as IC Evite Diva; Karen Williams as Scheduler, whose crystal ball talent interwove FWSA activities with our racing schedule; Nancy Marik as Webmaster/Historian, whose Photoshop magic could replace empty space with missing sailors; Janet Molen, Roster Wiz whose fleet fingers kept up with the changes; and Pam Miller, whose ability as a wordsmith put us in the news and our documents on line.

After I gave my speech (see below), Marge Whiteman received the Regalia of VWSS Captaincy: cap, brass bell, three hole punch and thumb drive on a nautical lanyard. I received a lovely bunch of flowers from the board and a stunning glass paperweight.

"Beach Bingo" scavenger hunt game was played and Jane Gallagher and Sarah Evans triumphed as winners!

This sailing season has been a little bit like being in middle school. In the sixth grade you're looking forward to new beginnings in a new school. We were welcomed back with a new swing gate and a great kick off party hosted by Beth Anderson. As in just about every grade you have some people who move away and you have new people move in. Our Opti's chose to move to Englewood and we welcomed Kelley Severns as the new VYBA Ex. Director.

You can judge a great school by their support team. We had great support this year from our Committee Boat personnel and Beth Anderson on Little Bear as Safety Boat.

Our rental Opti boats moved a lot this season from the Pram shed to Osprey and then back again to Tarpon drive. Two of our Opti's were donated to the ESA sailing program and another was sold to the owner of Tackle Shack. Thank you everyone who helped out with these moves.

We had a lot of fun at our "Welcome Back" party at Paradise Grille, the Halloween sail, our "Party like it's 1976" at the VYC and our holiday party at my house. After all, girls just like to have fun!

In seventh grade you are trusted to behave and are rewarded with guest speakers. Our local USC educators came to inspect our life jackets, Linda Schwartz gave a thorough demonstration on Sunfish Rigging and Olivia Hanley gave us great coaching tips on the water.

We had numerous discussions on towing and safe power boat handling. Our CB's only rescue this season was at "Our Women at the Helm" race where we had no wind. We were fairly well behaved when we went to the Crow's nest even though the wait for lunch was very long!

Eight grade always seems to have great highs and lows. Sadly we said goodbye to our "Sailor Girl", Brenda Bell, Jill Engel, Garry Delea, Vera Taborsky and Helen Gokbudak. Rainbow and all Interclubs were canceled due to COVID-19 and our sailing was curtailed.

We had great highs this season too and of our many accomplishments there was work by Karen Williams and Nancy Marik who formulated a set of criteria for honorary membership, we updated our Constitution and By-Laws, revised our Policies and Sailing Instructions.

We found our "Forever Shirt" and we planned for a Sunfish open house with a poster design by Shirley Geoffrion and with an article that appeared in the Gondolier by Pam Miller, "Ladies come sail away, feel the breeze in your hair".

Our own Ann Carroll won the coveted FWSA Lilly Keegan Award and we were able to get in a few fun sails before the year ended.

Lastly Jennifer Kessler graduated into the Sunfish fleet and we look forward to her racing with us next season.

Thank you for entrusting me with the Captaincy this year.

Past Captain Anne