Top-ranked USC cemented its place in history with a 3-0 win over No. 2 Florida State by a 3-0 count in the inaugural NCAA Beach Volleyball Championship on the sands of Gulf Place on May 8. The Women of Troy completed the year on an incredible 30-match winning streak and secured back-to-back national titles in beach volleyball as the defending AVCA champions of 2015. Junior All-Americans Kelly Claes and Sara Hughes were chosen to the NCAA all-tournament team as the pair from the No. 1 position, and sophomore Jo Kremer and senior Zoe Nightingale were all-tournament selections at the No. 5 spot.

The NCAA crown is USC’s 124th team title and the school’s 101st NCAA championship; the 17th NCAA crown won by a USC women’s team. USC’s beach team repeated a piece of history the Trojans’ indoor volleyball team accomplished in 1981 as the first-ever NCAA women’s indoor volleyball champions. That team also won the previous national championship (the 1980 AIAW title).