



A National Historic Landmark

Cabin Notes

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Meet the Board

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Winter in Destin

Sundays through January and part of February volunteers gave guided tours of the *Governor*. Over 400 visitors to HarborWalk Village attended an on-board talk on the vessel's history, admired her worm gear, descended into her cabin and peered down at her centerboard. Several were so charmed they became members on the spot.



Haul Out in Fort Walton Beach

A quick check at The Boat Marina February 2nd, new zines and back in the water she goes.

Mardi Gras in Panama City

February 11th was the Mardi Gras Celebration in St. Andrews. Volunteers pitched a tent and welcomed visitors to the *Governor Stone* slip at the Marina.

Welcome to a Friend

We look forward to working with new St. Andrews CRA project manager Rob Rosner. He is supportive of the commitment of the Friends' to the redevelopment of this Bay County community.



Carrabelle Hosts

This March has been one of the most exciting times of my life with the opportunity to participate in the Friends of the *Governor Stone* "Shipmate" program and help Carrabelle host this classic wooden Gulf Coast Schooner. The response from our community and visitors from as far as Michigan, Ohio, and Canada has been overwhelming. Visitors from age 9 to 89, many of whom had never been aboard a sailing vessel, enthusiastically participated as crew by hoisting sails, tending sheets and stowing lines and fenders. Even land lubbers and power boat addicts gave full attention to the stories of her history, and lectures on nomenclature, points of sail and navigation. We look forward to next year. - Cal Allen, Carrabelle City Commission, Franklin Co. TDC

Return to Apalachicola

April marked the 3rd annual return of the *Governor Stone* to the city she called home in the 1990's. Visitors and residents alike welcomed the GS to Apalachicola for three weeks. The City provided dockage at Riverfront Park and the Franklin County TDC sponsored the visit. Captains Greg LaSchum and Jim Neumann sailed 19 two hour trips serving a total of about 200 people. Project Impact students had Sail Training lessons aboard the schooner, practicing the art of teamwork.



*See the Governor Stone in Carrabelle
April 25-29! 850-524-1124 for details.*

We have reduced our dues for 2012!!

New Dues Schedule

**Encourage your friends to join in the
fun and support the Gov**

- _____ \$10 ~ Friend (supporter)
- _____ \$25 ~ Steward Member (individual)
- _____ \$50 ~ Cabinmate Members (family)
- _____ \$250 ~ Seaman Donor
- _____ \$500 ~ Staysail Donor
- _____ \$1,000 ~ Foresail Donor
- _____ \$5,000 ~ Mainsail Donor
- _____ \$10,000 ~ Commodore Donor

All levels receive email newsletter. Memberships are tax deductible per federal tax laws. New members at each level will receive a certificate and keepsake of the Governor Stone. Some premiums are awarded at the Annual General Meeting.

Needs

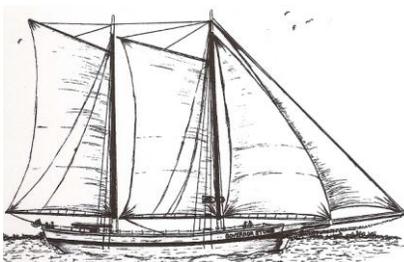
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Computer connectable GPS to get the Governor safely to all the venues being booked for the coming year.

Boarding Ladder - Still a great project for an inventive sort.

Cargo hatch covers - The repairs to the current covers are wearing thin.

Sails - They too are wearing thin at 22 years. Great corporate sponsorship opportunity and much needed. Fund one or all four sails.



Drawing by Bob Forrest

Displays

Our combined historic *Governor Stone* displays graced the lobby of the Emerald Grande in Destin in January and February. The artifact display and block and tackle demonstration were again at the CamelliaFest and Heritage Day at Eden Gardens State Park. The panels are at the Carrabelle History Museum through April and the full display will be in the Heritage Park and Cultural Center in Fort Walton Beach in May to July. To book either display at your location call 850-621-0011.

Many thanks to:

Sponsors over the past 12 months

Okaloosa County Tourist Development Council

Franklin County Tourist Development Council
St. Andrews Community Redevelopment Council

Cities of Fort Walton Beach, Panama City and Freeport for designated docking

The Boat Marina for providing the haul out
Eastern Shipbuilding Group for major repairs

Donor members

John & Mary Darrah

Harry & Sandra Dennard

Kristin Anderson

Carol Visalpatara

Carl Updyke

Volunteer Opportunities

Still endless. Here are a few that come to mind.

Webmaster - Keep our website current

Greeters - Welcome new members and encourage past members to rejoin.

Newsletter compiler - Gather material for newsletter and format for distribution.

Researcher-Interviewer - This has two parts. We have relatives of past owners to be interviewed. We also would like to get a history of repairs and changes to the vessel by talking to those who did them.

Painter - Certainly endless opportunities here - this is a mindless and rewarding way to extend the vessel's life.

Crew - Learn to sail a gaff rigged schooner

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Your donations of funds and services are tax deductible.

The Friends of the Governor Stone, Inc. is the 501 (c) 3 nonprofit organization that maintains this classic National Historic Landmark schooner. Keeping a wooden vessel seaworthy, safe and a beautiful sight to see is costly. The Friends welcome all manner of assistance in the endeavor.

Call 850-621-0011 or email info@GovernorStone.org. Volunteer services or mail contributions to P.O. Box 4716, Fort Walton Beach, FL 32549 and keep coastal history afloat.