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Meet the 2013 GS Board

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Restoration is On!!!

History Continued, the Restoration of the *Governor Stone* began when the vessel moved to the Bay County Boatyard July 27th. View it on WJHG Panama City at

<http://www.wjhg.com/video?videoid=2645670>.

While the haul-out was postponed until August 8th, work began in the water, as rigging and supplies were removed and stored.

View the haul-out at <http://www.wjhg.com/video?videoid=2649972>.

This project has been financed in part with the historic preservation grant assistance of the Bureau of Historic Preservation, Division of Historical Resources, Florida Department of State, assisted by the Florida Historic Commission. While we are sincerely grateful, we find it amazing that the second major contribution to the restoration is the donation of time, effort and expertise of our great volunteers, preserving the past

of the Gulf Coast we all love.

Eastern Shipbuilding Group, Kurt Voss of Historic Ships and Boats and Master Boatbuilder Bill Holland are also assisting with the restoration. Captain Bill Hamilton has stepped off our Board of Directors to manage the project.

We are still welcoming volunteers to continue history. Come organize, plan, implement or just do this restoration with us. Like to research, document, scan documents, promote, fundraise or data enter? Are you skilled at woodworking? Learn more and volunteer by contacting Kay Cherry at 850-819-6967.



To the Yard



In the straps



Drying the keel

Follow the restoration at Facebook.com/GovernorStone or view the display at the Panama City Publishing Company Museum, 1134 Beck Ave. Panama City, FL. Both will be updated regularly.

It's an Adventure -working on the *Governor Stone* at Bay County Boatyard. There is nothing like being hot, sweaty and dirty and having somebody take your picture and say, "I worked on the Governor Stone many years ago!!" Ten minutes later a gentleman with a white beard comes by and says, "Good job. You must know what you are doing." [Ha!!] "I worked on the Governor Stone in Tarpon Springs when it was a sponge boat."

Come join the fun, as we remove, replace and restore.

-- Kay Cherry

Breaking News

Much to our dismay the historic Governor Perkins engine, which has served the vessel well since 1989 is corroded beyond repair. We will need a new engine for sure, which is not in the budget.



Help! Us Make it Happen

Donations are tax deductible and an investment in the future of the *Governor Stone*. Just click the DONATE button on our website or Facebook page or mail to P.O. Box 4716, Fort Walton Beach, FL 32549.

A Thousand Thanks to Restoration Volunteers So Far

Kay Cherry Tom Carter Bobby Monaco
 Bob Pascoe Gradi Morgan Harry Dennard
 Bob Vickery Rory Jones Lisa Palmer
 Jess Palmer Gibby Conrad Raquel McBroom
 Carol Jones Annett Haagensen

Thanks to you all for researching, scraping, prying, sanding, sorting, constructing, destructing, copying, computing, administering, contacting and for sharing those hot dogs and watermelons. Special thanks to Tom Carter for staying alongside and watching over the old girl.



History – The Third Sinking

Most of us know that the *Governor Stone* sank twice in her earlier years, but then there was this third event later on...

Colonel Levi Brown and his children, Alan, Jules, Jane and Zoe owned the *Governor Stone* from 1955 to 1957. Jules Brown describes for us one day in the summer of 1956, “a small matter of winds pulled the boat and anchor against a bridge approach and a hole was made in the port side above the waterline, and the boat sank with the starboard side to the shore. I was able to turn the boat on its starboard side with the help of two teenagers and a line to the top of the fore mast < pure teenage power. The insurance said to fix her and I had the engine rebuilt and the hull repaired and cleaned up inside the cabin. This came much to the surprise of the insurance company \$1990.00 ON A \$2000 POLICY.” Jules wrote us this memory at the age of 88.

Sailing from the Crab Shack

The Original Waterfront Crab Shack again hosted the *Governor Stone* in Ft. Walton Beach in May. We made four sailing trips from their dock in Santa Rosa Sound. Sixty members and guests enjoyed the leisurely sails down the Sound.

Billy Bowlegs Festival, May 31 to June 1



For the fourth year Ft. Walton Beach Mayor Mike Anderson was assisted by the *Governor Stone* in defending Fort Walton Beach against the dastardly pirate, Billy Bowlegs.

St. Andrews Farmers’ Market

The *Governor* was on display and open for tours in support of the St. Andrews Farmers’ in May and July, sailing with guests when weather permitted. The Friends of the *Governor* are honored to have the opportunity to share a sail on the vessel with the general public free of charge.

First Visit to Port St. Joe June 7-8

The *Governor Stone* motored to beautiful Port St. Joe for the first time (that we know of) in early June. Invited guests joined us for an evening sail which included the turning of the 65 foot vessel in a space no more than 66 feet wide. June 8th, Marina Day, visitors toured the vessel at Port St. Joe Marina and learned how like schooners carried products to and from the Port in the 19th century. We welcome Port St. Joe as an official port of call and plan to return soon.



Thanks to our Donor Level Members

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Become an Old Salt

Our new membership level of \$100 called Old Salt is popular with renewing members. If you aren’t an Old Salt yet, become one today.

Dues Schedule for Members	
Encourage your friends to support the Gov	
_____	\$25 ~ Steward Member (individual)
_____	\$50 ~ Cabinmate Members (family)
_____	\$100 ~ Old Salt
_____	\$250 ~ Seaman Donor
_____	\$500 ~ Staysail Donor
_____	\$1,000 ~ Foresail Donor
_____	\$5,000 ~ Mainsail Donor
_____	\$10,000 ~ Commodore Donor
The amounts are minimums per category	
We also welcome Friend Supporters at a \$10 donation level	

All levels receive email newsletters. All members receive email notices each time the vessel sails. Memberships are tax deductible per federal tax laws. New members at each level receive a keepsake of the *Governor Stone*. Some premiums are awarded at the Annual Meeting.