



National Historic Landmark

Cabin Notes

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Meet the 2014 GS Board

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On the first major sortie after completing an over \$100,000 restoration, including more than 4000 volunteer hours over eight months the *Governor Stone* lost a prop blade. Severe vibration damaged the stern post and the adjoining timber. A judicious grounding, a call to Sea Tow, a strong bilge pump and twenty four hour monitoring prevented her from sinking (her fourth time,) but repairs required a master boatbuilder, so she was towed to Bill Holland Boatyard in Mississippi. The Friends are exhausted; the coffers are bare. But we are determined to get the vessel back in service. Nothing stops the FOGS!!

We need you to help us assure the *Governor Stone* continues to sail. You can keep history alive. Go to www.GovernorStone.org and click the blue **DONATE** button or mail to Friends of the Governor Stone, P.O. Box 4716, Fort Walton Beach, FL 32549. Donations are tax deductible.

Smile.Amazon.Com

Amazon users can now use Smile.Amazon.com for their purchases and Amazon will donate a percentage of what you pay to the *Governor Stone*. It costs you nothing; the vessel benefits. Just click Smile.

We Held the Presses!!

The August newsletter is a little late to allow us to add a photo of the *Governor Stone* arriving at her slip in St. Andrews Marina. She arrived ahead of her land crew, so here she is docked by the newly rebuilt boardwalk on Bayview Avenue.

Total cost of this incident -



Apple Award

The *Governor Stone* received the Apple of Our Eye Award for Restoration from the Bay County Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors. FOGs President Katie Cherry accepted the award at the August 1st Chamber Coffee.

She's Lookin' Good



With a new stern post, new prop, four planks partially replaced, caulked and bottom painted, shaft log repaired and drive shaft realigned, she is surely renewed. Thanks to Bill Holland, Teresa Holland Bellais and the staff at Holland Boatyard for their beautiful work.

Are You Salty?

Our Old Salt membership level of \$100 is popular with renewing members. If you still aren't an Old Salt, become one today. There is a GS tote bag in it for you.

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	

All levels receive our newsletters. Members receive email notices each time the vessel sails. Memberships are tax deductible per federal tax laws. New members at each level and those who upgrade membership receive a keepsake of the *Governor Stone*. Some of these premiums are awarded at the Annual General Meeting in January. Plan to attend.

History –New Orleans

Following the hull restoration of 1989 and clearly prior to completion of the rigging work done in Apalachicola (no sails), the vessel went to New Orleans in 1991. Here she is with a crew of re-enactors at the aquarium opening



there. Capt. Richard Leasure was at the helm for the trip. Richard stopped by to visit the vessel in Pascagoula. We made so many rewarding contacts with folks associated with the vessel. With 137 years of history, she has made a lot of friends.

Return to Pascagoula

The *Governor Stone's* return to her birthplace was a grand experience. Our hosts from the Pascagoula Historical and Genealogical Society were gracious, generous, organized and supportive. We thank them, the City, the local Rotary Club, Mississippi Maritime Museum and Jackson County for the so very warm welcome. We especially thank all the folks who came to see the vessel and the several relatives of Charles Greiner and Nathan Dorlon who stepped on board the vessel their grandfather, great grandfather or great, great grandfather once owned. We learned so much about the vessel and the people in her life.



Hosts Along the Way

The Wharf Marina in Orange Beach gave us free over-night dockage August 31st, so generous on a holiday weekend. The City of Fort Walton Beach provided electricity and police surveillance at her slip at The Landing on September 1st. We are so grateful for the many kindnesses we have received during this unexpected adventure.

Thanks for Donor Level Support (>\$250) this past quarter from:

Bill Lloyd Pascagoula Historical and Genealogical Society

Wish List

A Happy Birthday and another 137 years for the Governor Stone. Mr. Greiner applied for her first number October 18, 1877.