



National Historic Landmark

Cabin Notes

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Sea Scouts WOW

Captain John Dezzutto gave the safety talk to a lineup of Sea Scouts who sailed on the Governor Stone during her stay at the Fort Walton Yacht Club. Thanks to the Fort Walton branch of Women on the Water for sponsoring the sail and for voyaging with us as well.



From the President –

“Hopefully the long, hot summer will soon come to an end and all of us, including the Governor Stone can enjoy some cooler breezes. I hope each of you will help us celebrate the Governor Stone's 138th birthday in October. Many thanks to all our members and volunteers who work so hard to keep our National Historic Landmark looking good and sailing for so many years. You have worked hard to Keep History Alive!!! --Kay Cherry, President

Return to PC

The vessel returned to her slip in St. Andrews Marina June 7th. She is a welcome site to locals and is again part of the Historic Walking Tour of St. Andrews.

First Saturday Work Days

Planning a monthly work day for all members to put their mark on the Governor Stone is working out well. June's first Saturday was a chance to learn the art of whipping line ends. The resulting reef lines were mounted on the new foresail.

An intrepid crew led by John Huft worked on selected projects in the evenings in August. Next Work Day is Sept 5th.

Second Saturday Sails

The second Saturday in August proved too hot for sailing mid-day. Second Saturday Sails will return in September. Members can sign up for Sept. 12 by email or phone. The public can sign up for remaining seats on the day of the sail at our booth at the St. Andrews Waterfront Farmers' Market.

Ribbon Cutting

While Friends of the Governor Stone has been a member of the FWB Chamber of Commerce for five years, we at last got around to having a ribbon-cutting. Jack Phan did the honors.

Many thanks to FW Yacht Club for hosting the event and for providing safe port during the



vessel's stay in Fort Walton Beach. Following the ribbon-cutting the *Governor Stone* sailed the Choctawhatchee Bay to her designated slip at The Landing in downtown Fort Walton.

Bowlegs

The *Governor Stone* attended her 6th Billy Bowlegs Festival in June at The Landing.

The crusty pirate and his krewé always manage to take over the city in the end, despite cannon fire from the *Governor* in defence of the City and Mayor Anderson. Jacob Huft served as cannoneer. This is always a fun and eventful event.



“Life isn't about waiting for the winds to change...it's learning to adjust your sails.”

PHPA Meeting

The quarterly meeting of the Panhandle Historic Preservation Alliance was hosted by the Friends at the gazebo overlooking the *Governor Stone* on July 20th. This organization is a support group for the many history museums and organizations along our coast. Meet PHPA members and discover local events at www.PanhandleHistoricAlliance.org

S.O.S Once Again

We still need your help to assure the *Governor Stone* continues to sail. You can keep history alive. Please **help the Friends by clicking the DONATE** button at www.GovernorStone.org. You can also mail donations directly to Friends of the Governor Stone, P.O. Box 4716, Fort Walton Beach, FL 32549. Donations are tax deductible. Please use Smile.Amazon.com for Amazon purchases.

Please be a part of the solution!

Give a Membership

Share your love of the *Governor Stone* with a friend.

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 of scheduled vessel sail adventures. 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.

Welcome New Members May-July

Glenn Forrester	Dan Finley
Jamie East	Bernard Bergman
Jo Maxhimer	Melissa Benson
Frank & Jewell Menge	Captain John Dezzutto
John & Sarah Mason	

And many thanks to all our renewing members

Our members are our strength. We rely on membership dues to maintain the vessel and on the time, effort and skills of our member volunteers to make happen all that we do and that we plan for the future.

Double thanks to our members who renew at a higher level, providing more much needed funds for maintenance of the *Governor Stone*.

History – Who was Governor Stone?



John Marshall Stone was born in Tennessee in 1830 and became a Mississippi resident in 1855. He fought for the South during the Civil War, attaining the rank of Colonel. The first elected

Democratic governor of Mississippi after the war, he served as Governor 1876 -1882 and 1890-1896, interrupted only by the state constitution prohibiting consecutive terms. Close friend Charles Anthorn Greiner named his new boat in honor of his 97,729 to 47 victory in 1877. Governor Stone was known for keeping the carpetbaggers north of the Smith & Wesson line!

Wish List -

Christmas is a comin'

Help design and create the decorations for the Christmas boat parades.

Captains

We need US Coast Guard certified captains willing to learn to sail this most unique vessel so we can expand our programs. We would especially like to find captain and crew interested in teaching youngsters.

We Need Committee Members

There is so much to be done. Join one of our committees – **Finance and Budget** (admittedly an acquired taste), **Membership** (an opportunity to connect with our great members), **Education and History** (delve into her past and/or develop programs) **Operations/Scheduling** (if you have sailing, boating or organizational skills), **PR** (help spread the word) or **Fundraising** (help to support all that came before and continues). 850-621-0011.