



A National Historic Landmark

Cabin Notes

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Meet the Board

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We have reduced our dues for 2012!!

New Dues Schedule

We welcome new members

_____	\$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

The amounts are minimums per category

All levels receive this newsletter. New members at each level will receive a keepsake of the Governor Stone. Our new benefit schedule is still being refined and will be available by mid-January. It will be posted on the website and available by phone.

A Busy Fall

In August, September and part of October Friends volunteers provided very popular guided tours of the vessel in conjunction with the St. Andrews Harborfront

Farmers' Market and independently both at her St. Andrews slip and at the Smith Yacht Basin in Panama City. Thanks to coordinator Connie Head for making it happen.

On October 18th the Governor travelled in the rain to her slip in Lafayette Creek Park, Freeport, FL. Thanks to Tom Carter for serving as host and security during her stay through the 26th. An 'Open Boat' was held October 22 and 23 to reintroduce the vessel to Walton County. Thanks to Freeport Mayor Marse and the Walton County Sheriff's Office for their assistance and to local residents for coming on board and talking with us.



Back in Panama City, the vessel was decorated for the November 26th Parade of Lights. Lit each night until her departure December 1st, the Governor Stone provided spectacular viewing from the boardwalk and from local restaurants. It's no

wonder she placed first in her class in the parade. Following a chilly trip to Destin, the belighted Governor Stone wowed restaurant visitors in HarborWalk Village. She again won best of class in the Holiday on the Harbor boat parade December 4th and an invitation to the Boggy Bayou lighted boat parade sponsored by North Light Marina. Again she won "Best Sailboat," but not just for being the only sailboat in the parade.

The vessel is back on display in Destin Harbor and volunteers will be on board December 24th and January 1st from noon to 4 pm and by chance (while doing maintenance) to share the vessel's history with passing visitors. Las Vegas Night fundraiser will be Dec. 31st. Watch our website for further scheduling.

Displays

Our combined historic displays about the Governor Stone just completed a 6 month stay in the new climate controlled room at the Pensacola Lighthouse and Museum. The artifact display and block and tackle demonstration were again at Fred Gannon Rocky Bayou State Park for Pioneer Day. Ray Mansfield shows a young lady the ropes in the photo below. To book either display for an event or long term stay at your location call 850-621-0011.



Proud History

On July 4th 1990, the *Governor Stone* arrived in Apalachicola powered by her newly installed 85 HP diesel engine. Soon enthusiastic volunteers completely replaced all standing and running rigging, and CB Sails provided new sails. Students studied weather, history, ecology, physics, math, and teamwork on board. Passengers from near and very far experienced sailing the National Historic Landmark vessel on the type of waters for which she was designed. Five generations of the Burns family, early owners of the vessel, had their family reunion sailing aboard the *Governor Stone*. Many are the memories of the vessel's earlier stay in Apalachicola. More will be made in 2012.

Volunteer Opportunities

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.

Needs

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.

Become a Board Member

We have openings for 3 more members on the Board of the Friends of the Governor Stone, Inc. There is an application on the website or call 850-621-0011.

Friends of the Governor Stone, Inc. Annual General Meeting and Membership Drive

January 8, 2012, 5:00 pm

Harbor Village, 3000 W 10th Street, Panama City, FL

That Was Then -- Review and Kudos for 2011 -- Displays about the Governor
This Is Now -- Membership Drive -- Bring others interested in the vessel or sailing
Election -- Board of Directors for 2012 -- Members paid up 2 weeks in advance get to vote
Entertainment -- Live Music -- Challenging Games -- Outstanding Sailing Video
Food -- Gourmet Pizza -- Healthy Salad -- Decadent Desserts
BYOB and, if you are inclined, BYODD (decadent dessert)
Are you competitive? Competent judges will award prizes for best desserts.

RSVP to info@GovernorStone.org or 850-621-0011

(to insure there are sufficient decadent desserts .)

Many Thanks to:

Azalea Court Inn in St. Andrews

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