



National Historic Landmark

# Cabin Notes

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## Meet the 2015 GS Board

### President

**Kay Cherry**

Semi-retired  
Administrator

### Vice President

**Bill Lloyd**

Retired Marina Director

### Secretary/Treasurer

**Carol Visalpatara**

Retired

### Harry Dennard

Woodmen of the World

### John Darrah

Developer

Businessman

### Cal Allen

Retired

City Commissioner

### Dean Covey

Ret. Chemical Engineer

Community Advocate

### John Huft

Teacher

### Rory Jones

Retailer

## Second Saturday Sails

The *Governor Stone* will sail St. Andrew Bay the second Saturday of each month. Members can register any time by phone or email up until noon of the day before the sail. After that time remaining seats will be open to attendees of the St. Andrews Farmers' Market on the day of the sail. The first 2 events January 10<sup>th</sup> and February 14<sup>th</sup> were glorious. Members can volunteer to share the story of the *Governor Stone* at our booth at the Market each second Saturday between 8am and 1 pm.



## Second Saturday Sail

## Installing Sails



## From the President – The New Year Brings Many Exciting Opportunities to Get Involved with the *Governor Stone*

Our **Second Saturday Sails** (SSS) are generating a lot of interest. As members you get first dibs at a place on the vessel to sail, you can volunteer to crew, and helpers are needed at our booth at the Market that morning. In March we start our **First Saturday Work Day** (FSWD). On the first Saturday of each month you have a chance to help maintain a National Historic Landmark and become a part of that history.

**March 16<sup>th</sup> – March 21<sup>st</sup> the Governor Stone will be back at Bay County Boatyard** for a haul out for some minor repairs. **YOUR INVOLVEMENT** is needed. Time, talents, a willingness to learn, and donations to help with the supplies are all important. Tasks include woodworking, mechanical work, rigging, and always sanding, painting and cleaning. Come and be an active member of the *Governor Stone* work crew!

I look forward to sharing the Governor Stone with each of you while we work and sail on this National Historic Landmark.

--Kay Cherry, President

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**Phone or email to get involved!!**

## First Saturday Work Day

We are instigating scheduled work days at the *Governor Stone* slip. They will be the first Saturday of the month, so folks can plan ahead and so the vessel will be at her best for the Second Saturday Sails. Knowing what happens to the best laid plans, if you plan to join in, call or email, so we are prepared. There is always plenty to do at any skill level. Come for the joy of being on board and consider sharing lunch at one of the nearby restaurants. Join us March 7<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am and/or any month thereafter.

## Annual General Meeting

January 31

The 2015 annual general meeting was held at the Landmark Condominiums clubhouse on St. Andrew Bay in Panama City. Friends of the Governor Stone met to share good food and friendship, to review the past year, to extend thanks to retiring Board members, to greet new Board members John Huft and Rory Jones and to celebrate the future of the *Governor Stone*. Potluck and a raffle proved successful additions this year.



## S.O.S 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](http://www.GovernorStone.org) or make your Amazon purchases at **Smile.Amazon.com**, so they will donate to us. You can mail donations directly to Friends of the Governor Stone, P.O. Box 4716, Fort Walton Beach, FL 32549. Donations are tax deductible.

**Please be a part of the solution!**

### Wish List

**More new members.** Bring a friend on one of our sails.

### Are You Salty Yet?

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	
<b>Encourage your friends to support the Gov</b>	
_____	\$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
<b>The amounts are minimums per category</b>	

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.

## Meet John and Rory

John Huft and Rory Jones join our Board of Directors this year. John and family have been active members since 2013. John lives and teaches in Wewahitchka. He, Amanda and the kids are all avid sailors. Rory joined in 2011, labored long on the restoration and was first mate for the rescue and Mississippi trip. He and his wife are Old Salts.

## Welcome New Members

Susan Bowen                      Ian Wright  
Debbie Tyson                     Jim Everington  
Bob & Phyllis Stone       Michael Hauser  
Robert and Astrid Knoblauch

## And welcome back 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 plan for the future.

## History –1906 Hurricane

Thanks to Elizabeth Jones Hostetter and “From Tragedy to Triumph” for these Mobile Register and Tampa Times quotes following the hurricane of September 26-27, 1906 that sunk the *Governor Stone* and damaged the entire oyster fleet presumed to be in safe harbor and secured in Heron Bay. The unexpected easterly wind...

Per Captain McKay of the steamer *Gussie*, “No man could face it—it felt like thousands of needles sticking in your flesh. And the noise! It seemed like 10,000 devils were screaming around us. Why, the paint was blown off the iron and woodwork as clean as if it had been scraped off.”

Per Norwegian Captain Hansen of the *John Wilson*, “It was the worst blow I was ever in. While the general trend of the wind was easterly...the violence of the terrific gusts of wind that came apparently at random from ‘any old direction’, as you Americans would say, rendered the handling of the ship that much more difficult.”