



National Historic Landmark

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From the President –

Friends and friends,

The last few months have been challenging. I appreciate your patience as many have begun the process of rebuilding personal and professional lives while attempting to preserve the remnants of our beloved *Governor Stone*. In November the vessel was removed from St. Andrews Marina, and transported to Snug Harbor in December. The Board is currently working with Miller Marine and the City of Panama City to secure long term storage and security of the vessel so that we can start the rebuild process. Additionally we are working with State and Federal funding sources to outline the necessary projects and funding needs to affect a quality restoration, and to procure funding so that work can begin soon.

Every aspect of this is a process, and most of the steps include very detailed paperwork, meetings, or both. While it may seem like nothing is happening, please know that quite a bit is occurring behind the scenes. Your Board of Directors has been working diligently to answer questions, gather paperwork, attend meetings, and more. The results have been slow in coming.

At the annual meeting on Saturday, February 9th, I was proud to see so many of our dedicated volunteers come together to celebrate where we've been and to encourage the plans for restoration. The enthusiasm from each one of you to save our National Historic Landmark Schooner has rekindled my flagging spirits. The damage is extensive, the work we face is significant, and the road will be difficult, but knowing that our volunteers and community partners are so supportive reinforces my resolve to see the *Governor Stone* restored to her former glory.

As always, I am available to each of you via email at mandeux2@yahoo.com or via phone at 850-933-5058.

- Amanda Kilbourn, President
Friends of the Governor Stone, Inc.

FOGs Seeks a Treasurer

The position only requires basic bookkeeping and only a small amount of time. Local residence is not required. This and other volunteer positions could be filled by one of our many distant members, as they have been in the past. Contact us or apply to be on the Board on the membership page of our website.

Outstanding Generosity

Many thanks for the international outpouring of support via our ongoing Facebook fundraiser, the DONATE buttons on our web and Facebook pages and direct donations to our restoration fund. Far more people than we ever dreamed are following the history and contributing to the future of this historic vessel.

Work Day

Operations Chair John Huft called the first work day of the year for February 16th. A crew vacuumed and scrubbed the vessel, step one of many to restoring her to her former beauty. You have to admit that she does have good ribs.



Donate



a secure donation site

Annual General Meeting

The havoc from Hurricane Michael caused a postponement of the annual meeting of the membership until February 9th this year. The venue was changed to the Gulfview United Methodist Church, a location well west of the worst damage. An enthusiastic group met, dined, and resolved to make the *Governor Stone* whole again. Outgoing Board members Dean Covey and Jo Maxhimer were honored for their service.

History – As another rebuild begins, here is a document by R. C. Sellier of Delisle, Mississippi attesting to his rebuild of the *Governor Stone* in 1940 after she sank in another storm. Note Mr. Rhea had named the vessel *Queen of the Fleet*. She was valued at \$2,400. 19E434 was her local registration as a private vessel. Her US Coast Guard #85508 was restored in the 1960's.

Welcome New Members

Don and Kathy Hardy

Welcome Back

John and Jessie Makler
Bob Pascoe
Don McTavish

Thanks Renewing Members

Joan McConnell Carol Visalpatara
Kurt Voss and Lisa Gould
Paul and Bettjean Yergens
Don Fox, Kay and Katie Cherry
Stan Lipowski Tom Dettloff
Ray, Mary and Chris Waters
John and Mary Darrah

Keep the *Governor Stone* salty by joining at or upgrading to our Salty Dogs level.

All levels receive our newsletters and annual stickers. Members receive email notices of events and to sign up when the vessel sails. Memberships are tax deductible per federal tax laws.

Dues Schedule for Members

Encourage your friends to support the *Governor Stone*

- \$25-49 ~ Swabby (individual)
- \$50-99 ~ Bosun (family of up to four)
- \$100-249 ~ Old Salts
- \$250-500 ~ Salty Dogs

Funds go toward maintaining the vessel and the organization.

Click here to join. Click here to renew or go to our website at GovernorStone.org/membership.

Members receive a distinctive sticker each year. Here is the sticker for 2019.



MASTER CARPENTER'S CERTIFICATE
(Builder's Certificate)
(R.S. 4127-U.S.C. Title 46, Sec. 24)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Bureau of Marine Inspection and Navigation

District of Mobile - No. 19
City of _____

I, R.C. Sellier carpenter
(State whether master or principal)

of Delisle, Miss
(Address of builder - city only), do certify that

the Queen of the Fleet called the Queen of the Fleet
(Insert rig) (Write name as painted on bows)

was built Rebuilt By Me
(Write "by me", "under my direction", or "by _____", giving name of firm)

during the year 1940 at Delisle, Miss
(Name of city, town, or village)

State of Mississippi of Wood
(wood or metal)

or St. Archa Iron Works of the Sea Pass Christian Miss
(Name and address of person or firm for whom built)

that the said Schooner has one Deck decks,
Two Mast masts; is 39'-0" feet in length,
12'-6" feet in breadth, and 3 ft 3" feet in depth,
Value of vessel 2400.00.

R.C. Sellier
Signature of master carpenter or builder

Sworn to before me this 29th day of Jan., 1940

[Signature]
Notary Public or other office authorized to administer oaths.
Notary Public

Who Are We?

The Friends of the Governor Stone, Inc. restores, preserves and maintains for the benefit of the general public, the sailing vessel *Governor Stone*, a designated National Historic Landmark.

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