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# Cabin Notes

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## Meet the 2014 GS Board

### President

**Katie Cherry**

Executive Administrator

Berg Steel Pipe

Vice President

**Ray Mansfield**

Pilot/Flight Instructor

Secretary/Treasurer

**Carol Visalpatara**

Retired

**Harry Dennard**

Woodmen of the World

**John Darrah**

Developer

Businessman

**Cal Allen**

Retired

City Commissioner

**Kay Cherry**

Semi-retired

Administrator

**Dean Covey**

Ret. Chemical Engineer

Community Advocate

**Bill Lloyd**

Retired Marina Director

**Carl Updyke**

Retired

Firefighter/Paramedic

## Franklin County Visit

The recent restoration was completed just in time for the *Governor Stone* to fulfill her commitment to attending the



Apalachicola Antique and Wooden Boat Show April 19<sup>th</sup> and the Pirates of the Carrabellian Festival April 25-26. Yes, Carrabelle had the better weather, but a great time was had by all members and visitors at both events. Thanks to all our dedicated volunteers who made it happen.

## Blessing and Raid

The *Governor Stone* led the Blessing of the Fleet in Panama City April 12<sup>th</sup> and participated with these

intrepid Marines in the Civil War reenactment of the 1863 Union raid on the saltworks that lined the coast and supplied the Confederate soldiers with essential salt boiled down from sea water.



## Ribbon Cutting

The Bay County Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors held a ribbon cutting on May 15th for the completion of the *Governor Stone* restoration and the installation of the vessel at her dock in St. Andrews, FL.



## From PR Chair and Newly-elected Event Coordinator, Kay Cherry

As we begin the next chapter in the *Governor Stone's* history my goal is to keep all our members informed of the "what, when, where and how" of any activities that relate to our organization. There are members that keep up by Facebook and emails, and if you are not into social media, snail mail.

I admit that we need to do a better job of planning ahead and getting the information to you in a more timely manner. I am dedicated to making that happen with the cooperation of all of you. Carol does a great job of keeping up the membership list with the information you provide to her, but we need your help in making sure any changes to email, address or phone numbers are given to her promptly.

The Friends of the Governor Stone has the opportunity to grow in members and reach to other communities but that will not happen until we embrace new ideas and move into the future together.

Albert Einstein said that "doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results" is the definition of insanity. It can also lead to failure because we don't grow.

The *Governor Stone* has undergone a good restoration and with the repairs underway by Bill Holland she will be ready for us to try new ideas, new events, improve on how we do repeat events, train our crews, recruit more captains and involve ALL of our members. YOU have a chance to help write, share and be a part of history with the *Governor Stone*. Be sure to send your most current contact information to [info@governorstone.org](mailto:info@governorstone.org) or call 850-621-0011. Don't let the chance to be involved slip away from you!

## You Will Find Her in D'Iberville!!

The *Governor Stone* incurred some stern damage due to prop failure on her trip from Franklin County. It requires expert repair to ancient wood which Master Boatbuilder Bill Holland of D'Iberville, Mississippi will provide. Avid Facebookers have followed the four day trip to the boatyard. Here are some highlights:



1. Leaving St. Andrews 2. Docked at The Landing, Fort Walton Beach 3. Passing Navarre Bridge 4. Docked at Pensacola Yacht Club 5. Docked at Gulf Shores Marina 6. Arriving at Bill Holland Boatyard, D'Iberville  
Thanks for the hospitality of the City of Fort Walton Beach, the Pensacola Yacht Club and Gulf Shores Marina. Thanks also for the superb logistics of Rory Jones, Kay Cherry and John Darrah, the expert crewing of Rory and Captain Tom Carter and the lead taken by Captain Bill Hamilton and tow boat La Tortuga.

## History – The Last Previous Trip to D'Iberville

While the *Governor Stone* may well have carried freight to the area in her early years, her last visit was for a **major** restoration in 1989 in the Yard of Bill Holland. The vessel was re-planked at that time. Those planks



and ribs are still in great shape and none below the wateline needed replacing this past year. Mr. Holland uses what he calls sinker cypress, logs that sank when harvested up to 120 years ago. The same materials were used in the recent restoration.

## Planning the Trip Back

We hope to visit in ports along the way back to Panama City. Give us your input.

## Welcome New Donor Level Supporters

Rio Carrabelle      Sunset Isle RV Park, Carrabelle  
Bill and Opeal Holland

## Wish List

We wish the *Governor Stone* a speedy recovery  
Historic-look running lights – we are still shopping for running lights. If you know a source for antique or reproduction lights that will withstand the weather of Florida clue us in.

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## Help Us Continue to Make It Happen

**Donations for continued care and maintenance of the vessel are tax deductible and an investment in the future of the *Governor Stone*. Just click the DONATE button on our website or Facebook page or mail to P.O. Box 4716, Fort Walton Beach, FL 32549.**

## 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.

### 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.