



National Historic Landmark

Cabin Notes

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Meet the 2015 GS Board

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Haul Out

The *Governor Stone* again requested some maintenance before her April trip eastward.



Volunteers were seriously industrious March 16-21 at Bay County Boatyard to install a new fuel tank, caulk, paint and replace the inevitable rotted wood. Here Ray Waters is armed and ready to tackle cabin leaks.

Blessing of the Fleet

While the morning sail was cancelled due to threatening weather April 11th, the clouds parted for the *Governor Stone* to lead the Blessing procession this year. This annual event was followed by the also annual spring rite, the Burning of the Socks.

Franklin County Odyssey

No Sirens, no Cyclops and no sinking this year along the Forgotten Coast, just smooth sailing. The *Governor Stone* returned to the Apalachicola Antique and Classic Boat Show. It is a joy to talk with folks who have fond memories of the *Governor Stone's* time as a sail trainer and excursion vessel in Apalachicola. Members installed the new foresail.

Carrabelle's history with the vessel is more recent, but the *Governor* flies the Jolly Roger and brings Tom Mason of The Blue Buccaneers to the Pirates of the Carrabellian Festival each year. A good time was had by all



From the President –

“To reach a port we must set sail –sail, not tie at anchor – sail, not drift.”

Franklin D. Roosevelt

To sail, the *Governor Stone* will ever need your helping hands, willing hearts and generous spirits.

We communicate through email and Facebook the upcoming events where you can help keep History Alive.

--Kay Cherry, President

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Here's to Second Saturday Sails



While the weather has not always cooperated, we are pleased with and will continue the Second Saturday Sails. Friends members love a relaxing sail around St. Andrew Bay and sharing the experience. This pre-

scheduling lets members plan in advance .

First Saturday Work Days

We are bringing in new and old members each first Saturday of each month to share the joys of maintenance - cleaning that bilge, touch-up painting any and every exterior board and plank, organizing storage, patching, splicing, whipping, coiling, and all that keeps the *Governor Stone* fit and looking great.



Plan to join us one of the First Saturdays this year.



again this year.

We appreciate the support of both cities and Franklin County.

“The only noble thing a man can do with money is to build a schooner.” -- Robert Louis Stevenson

Another Arrival

The *Governor Stone* is in Fort Walton Beach, arriving May 15th at the C Dock of Fort Walton Yacht Club, and staying through June 7th to participate in the Billy Bowlegs Pirate Festival June 4-6. See her at The Landing during Bowlegs or come on board and make baggywrinkles with the crew. It is a fun event. Thanks to Captain John of Captain Guido Charters and crew for a great and adventurous sail over from Panama City.



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.

Wish List

New owner for the 1989 Perkins Diesel engine that powered the *Governor Stone* until the 2013-14 Restoration. She is for sale – an unusual way to support the vessel.

Committee members – there is so much to be done. Join one of our committees – **Finance and Budget** (an acquired taste), **Membership** (an opportunity to connect with our great members), **Education and History** (delve into her past and 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). 850-621-0011. I will put you in contact with the chair of your favorite committee.

History – Entries in Ship Log

Charles Merrick made these good and less good entries at Pass Christian, MS in 1948-49. Even then a trip was an adventure.

July 17 -48

Left canal at 6:10 am

Anchored at 1st Key 7:35 am

Fishing. Caught 130 white trout, speckled trout, & ground mullet

Back in @ 1:45 pm

June 4 1949

Weather Fair

Left dock 7am for Horse Shoe Keys

7:35am anchored. Bad points

Perry went shore with Lucius in small out Board to get fresh Battery returned at 10am USMM promised to send Help if not started by 10:30 am 10:05am underway anchored at Horshoe Key 10:45am Fished. Left Key at 4:05 pm Docked 5:15pm

Took Distributor out to Hammet Motors Inc & had same synconized coil & condenser checked installed new points.

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 or make your Amazon purchases at **Smile.Amazon.com**, so they will donate to us. 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 be a part of the solution!

What, You Aren't Salty Yet?

We remain pleased to see so many members joining and renewing at the Old Salt level. Join in. There is still a GS tote bag in it for you.

Dues Schedule for Members	
_____	\$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 and Returning Members Feb-Apr

David Watford	Anne Kummer
Debbie Courtney	Martin Reed
Ernie Brock	Diana Jackson
Dana Holsclaw	Darlene & David Eisel
Cher Novaria	Harry & Kathy Adkinson
Shiela Evans	Glenn Forrester & Family
David & Darlene Eisel	Janie East
Capt. Chester Reese of Natural World Charters	

A special thanks to those who came back!