



National Historic Landmark

# Cabin Notes

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## From the President –

2017 is a milestone year for the GOVERNOR STONE. We will be celebrating her 140<sup>th</sup> birthday on October 22<sup>nd</sup> with a street party at her slip in Historic St. Andrews. Mark your calendar for the party that afternoon and watch for emails on work days to “spiff up” the vessel for the party. Join in all aspects of this grand celebration.

--Kay Cherry, President  
Friends of the Governor Stone, Inc.



## Meet Our New Captains

Eric Morrow captains the Alaskan Dream inside passage cruises and winters in Panama City



Beach. Andy Stempki is a Navy man and has captained schooner in the western Panhandle. Kathy Lloyd is our new local captain and a super lady.

## First Saturday Work Days

For March 4<sup>th</sup>, April 1<sup>st</sup> and May 5<sup>th</sup> the Sea Cadets Seawolf Division joined our volunteers to maintain the Governor Stone. They will be learning the ‘ropes’ in our new education program.

## Second Saturday Sails



March 11<sup>th</sup> and May 13<sup>th</sup> Second Saturday Sails were cancelled due to excess wind. The Board sets limits on weather conditions for the safety of the vessel. Volunteers gave tours instead. FL-444 Marianna Composite Squadron (CAP) placed an emergency beacon on the vessel and conducted a training mission to locate and disable the beacon.

## el Galeon

March 24-29 the *Governor Stone* again joined the repro Spanish galleon at Panama City Marina and took her crew members for a sail. Visitors stopped by our event tent and toured our vessel.

## Carrabelle Riverfront Festival

April 21-22



Another fun weekend in Carrabelle saw the vessel arrive safely after dark on Thursday, thanks to the excellent navigational skills of Frank Virciglio. Tallahassee’s John Paul Jones Division of the Sea Cadets assisted with vessel tours and sharing vessel history at the event. On the return trip to Panama City the Cadets learned those navigational skills, too.

## Saturday in the (Perrine) Park



Baggywrinkles and boat caulking joined traditional handicrafts at the Heritage Museum of NW Florida in Valparaiso.

## Looking Ahead

**October 22, 2017 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm**

Save this date. HAPPY BIRTHDAY PARTY Street Festival on Bayview Ave. by the GOVERNOR STONE's slip. Mark your calendars and come participate. We will be unveiling the National Historic Landmark brass plaque provided by the National Park Service. Stay tuned for more details in the near future.

**FSWD - Attend work days and make a difference**  
**SSS - Members should sign up by the Thursday before the sail.**

## Bay County Chamber of Commerce

May is Bay County Tourism Appreciation Month. While wind again prevented a *Governor Stone* sail-in, she was there in spirit and in pictures May 5<sup>th</sup>. President Kay Cherry appeared on the WJHG morning show about the vessel and her 140<sup>th</sup> birthday.

## Wish List

**Presenters.** Volunteer to share the story of the *Governor Stone* at our booth. Working these jobs and working on the vessel are essential to the sailing. [Info@governorstone.org](mailto:Info@governorstone.org) or 850-621-0011 to learn the ropes. It is easy and fun.

**More new members.** Bring a friend on one of our sails. Invite the like-minded to join us.

## Welcome New Members

Craig, Eva, Turner and Sofia Karch  
Garry Couch                      Jessie Makler  
Serene Keiek

## Our renewing members are our strength

Cal & Tamara Allen	Bob & Phyllis Stone
John Paradiso	James Gibson
Don McTavish	Dean Covey
Myrna & Ralph Hodek	Bill Blue
Tom & Karen Boggess	Diana Pieper
Denton Kurtz	
Patti Valiante & Rick Cymerman	

### Dues Schedule for Members

Encourage your friends to support the *Governor Stone*

\$25 ~ Swabby (individual)  
\$50 ~ Bosun Members (family of up to four)  
\$100 ~ Old Salt  
\$250 ~ Salty Dog

**The amounts are minimums per category. We welcome a commitment at any amount to maintain the vessel.**

[Click here](#) to join. [Click here](#) to renew.

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

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

## History – WWII Remembered

“In 1942, the federal government purchased the vessel from him [Isaac Rhea] for \$1 and she was put into service as a training ship.

Apalachicola resident Billy Cook remembers her.

In the spring of 1945, the war was almost over and the 17-year-old Cook was a cadet at the Merchant Marine Academy and a

cadet midshipman in the Navy Reserve stationed at Pass Christian. He was training to be an engineer’s mate.

Cook said that while deck cadets spent a lot of time learning to sail and navigate on the *Governor Stone* and other boats, an engineer’s mate was not expected to have those skills. But they were required to spend some time on a sailing ship so one afternoon, he and his fellow motor heads were marched across the street from where they worked to the ship, to spend several hours sailing aboard the then ‘Queen of the Sea [sic].’

Cook said working as an engineer’s mate was dirty and unpleasant and, when the war ended he chose another path.

The *Governor Stone* was not cut out for military service either. In 1947, she was returned to her former owner.”

Lois Swoboda

Apalachicola Times 3/10/2012

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