



National Historic Landmark

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From the President –

The *Governor Stone* has sat gently rocking against her dock lines since the end of 2017. I know all of our members are eagerly anticipating the email about our next Second Saturday Sail, and it hasn't come. Here it is May, and we still haven't sailed. Please allow me to explain. Back in October, just before the 140th Birthday Block Party, we discovered that one of our chain plates was cracked. The Board of Directors decided at that time to suspend sailing activities until we could get it repaired. On further inspection, it was determined that all chain plates needed to be replaced. We could not safely sail our beloved *Governor Stone* until this was done. Custom made parts are on order and expected soon. Once they are replaced, we can safely sail the vessel in local waters.

If you would like to be more active during this down time, FOGS needs to get our booth back to the farmers market in Historic St Andrews. We need dedicated volunteers for setup, break down, and folks to work the booth. If you are interested please contact Colleen at info@governorstone.org, or myself at mandeux2@yahoo.com or call/text me at 850-933-5058 so we can work out schedules and training with you. I may not respond during regular business hours because of my day job, but I will get back to you! The booth offers a unique opportunity to educate the community and visitors about our National Historic Landmark Schooner, and to raise much needed funds for preservation and maintenance. Happy sailing!

--Amanda Kilbourn, President

New Slip



Thanks to the city of Panama City, Florida Fish and Wildlife, Deep Water Horizon NRDA Phase III Early Restoration Project, MRD Associates in Destin and the RJ Gorman Marine Construction Co.,

the *Governor Stone* will soon float next to a dock that floats with her. A new dedicated ramp will lead visitors alongside and she will sit comfortably and safely in her new digs. Work began the end of March and is moving along rapidly. Watch for a ribbon cutting.



First Saturday Work Day

March 3rd the *Governor Stone* was



moved a safe distance from the work to be done at her old dock. When the work barge arrived



she was moved a safer distance, and now



is viewable to all from the Marina Store.

Walking Tour

St. Andrews has received a grant from the Florida Humanities Council to develop a walking tour as part of the Florida Stories Walking Tour App Project. The *Governor Stone* will be represented as a significant part of Historic St. Andrews.

Marker

Thanks to City Commissioner Mike Nichols for spearheading the placing of



State Historic Marker signs leading folks to the *Governor Stone*. The palm is a nice touch, too.

Blessing of the Fleet

The 21st Annual Panama City Blessing of the Fleet and Burning of the Socks fell on a day too windy for the *Governor Stone* to participate, so members provided tours at her temporary dock.

SSS

New chain plates are soon to be ready for installation, which will allow a resumption of Second Saturday Sails.

History -

It is a joy to hear from descendants of owners of the *Governor Stone*. This bit of history is for Brenda Zirlott Nelson, great, great granddaughter of Nathan Mulford Dorlon, who commented on Facebook. Mul Dorlon was the second owner of the vessel. He was quite a local legend for dispatching Gulf Coastal pirate Spud Thompson. That was long before he purchased the *Governor Stone* from Charles Greiner for \$425 in 1880. Two years later he sold half ownership to Patrick Burns. They ran the vessel as a freighter and oyster buy boat in Mobile Bay under several masters including Patrick and some of Mul's in-laws. He held half interest until his death in 1895. He is buried in Dorlon Cemetery in Heron Bay, Alabama. Mul and Patsy Lyons Dorlon had 11 children, so Brenda is not the first descendent to contact us, and hopefully not the last.

Welcome New Members

Jonathan Frank
Robert Siragusa
John F. Murphy

Renewing Members

Bob and Phyllis Stone
Dean Covey Bill Blue
Myrna and Ralph Hodek
Ton and Karen Boggess
Lenora Warriner and Family

Friends of the Governor Stone, Inc. Mission

Our mission is to highlight and share the history of waterfront communities by sailing and exhibiting the 1877 Schooner *Governor Stone* along the Northern Gulf Coast.

Wish List

Many new members. All are welcome to join this group of folks who love an old wooden boat.

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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 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

We welcome any level commitment.
These 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 it is this year!

