



National Historic Landmark

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At The Market

Gale Heuring and Lisa and Jess Palmer (left to right) have taken charge of the Market Booth. They are having a ball sharing the story of the *Governor Stone* with Panhandle area visitors and updating locals who know her well. They recognize the importance of keeping a presence, while the vessel is not on view. It is also fun and a fundraiser. They are generally on hand at the St. Andrews Market on Beck Avenue the first Saturday of the month from 8:00 to 1:00, however, see them in June on the morning of the 8th instead. Stop by. Say, "Hi." Join in or volunteer to spell them. Contact us to get more involved.



History – Another Foundering Found?

Among the many interview notes the Currys wrote in the 1960's, as they researched the vessel history, is the line "1906 & 1916 – 'marshed' both years & re-repaired." 1906 was not the only dreadful hurricane to hit. Turns out there were 2 Category 3 hurricanes in 1916. The July hurricane still holds the record for storm surge in Mobile, AL at 11.6 feet. The October one blew 114 mph. This explains how Captain Thomas Burns told his son that, after his harrowing experience with a hurricane, he left the sea for 2 years for a land job in Mobile. It must have been the 1916 hurricanes. License records show Oct. 15, 1907 Thomas Burns was master of the *Governor Stone*. Further vessel license records show Thomas' father Patrick took over as master Nov. 6, 2016. Nov. 21st she was in Gulfport, MS under a new master, then Biloxi, then back to Mobile. Thomas then took the helm again Nov 19, 1918. This gives him two years away and may fill in more of the story of the *Governor Stone*. If only she could talk!

Let us take heart from that term "re-repaired." Hurricanes happen. Boats get repaired and re-repaired. At least there were no marshes involved this time.

The last line goes to Paul Harvey:

"In times like these, it is helpful to remember that there have always been times like these."

From the President –

Friends and friends,

We are blessed with a team of folks that are truly dedicated to the restoration of the GOVERNOR STONE. At every turn, a person with the right skill set, the drive, the knowledge, the whatever-it-is that we need has appeared to move us along this journey to rebuilding after Hurricane Michael. I am deeply appreciative of each volunteer and organization that has stepped in to fill a need.

We continue to work with FEMA and the State of Florida for funding options. Please be patient. It is a process and takes time. We are on track with the application process and are cautiously optimistic for funding options. When accurate information is available it will be shared.

Please continue to monitor your email and the Facebook page for updates, market days and fond memories.

You can't run from the wind. You trim your sails, face the music, and keep going. --Captain Christopher "Skipper" Sheldon (White Squall-1996)

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

Please be assured that the funds from FEMA and the State will not be enough. Share in the honor of refloating the Governor Stone.

Donate



a secure donation site

The view from an oyster buy boat like the *Governor Stone* as she approached tongers in Mobile Bay.



-Courtesy Florida State Archives

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.

Remember to Smile

If you are an Amazon user please make all your Amazon purchases to benefit the Friends of the Governor Stone at

Smile.Amazon.com or mail donations to Friends of the Governor Stone, Inc., P.O. Box 15968, Panama City, FL 32405. Donations are tax deductible per federal tax laws.

Welcome New Members

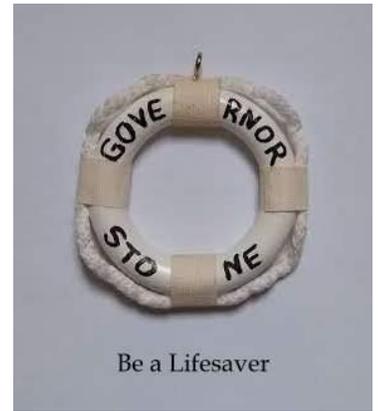
Scott Bowman
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Thanks Renewing Members

Raquel McBroom Ken Boyk
Bob Hurst Dean Covey
Garry Couch William Blue
Ralph & Myrna Hodek
Tom & Karen Boggess

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.



Help make the *Governor Stone* salty once again 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 first chance 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.**

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