



National Historic Landmark

Cabin Notes

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S.O.S

We still need your help to assure the *Governor Stone* continues to sail. You can keep history alive. The vessel's needs are many and always will be. We rely on donations and membership dues. Go to www.GovernorStone.org and click the blue **DONATE** button or mail to Friends of the Governor Stone, P.O. Box 4716, Fort Walton Beach, FL 32549. Donations are tax deductible.

Please Donate!!!!

And About Those Sails

Bud Harris of CB Sails made the sails that have been on the vessel since 1991. Replacement of sails was written into the Florida State Grants received in 2009 and 2014, but eliminated later as more pressing needs were discovered. Bud has passed the majority of his business on to his daughter, who made our sail covers, but is determined to see his new sails on the *Governor Stone*. So are we, the Woodmen of the World and Sunbrella Fabrics, who will be donating the sail fabric.



Annual General Meeting January 10th!

We haven't further details yet, but mark the date. This is a great chance to meet other Friends of the Governor Stone.

Woodmen Adopt Wooden Boat

September 19th and 20th of this year marked the Southeastern Convention of the Woodmen of the World. They have been fundraising throughout the year and presented FOGS President Katie Cherry with a generous check for construction of the new sails. Over 300 Woodmen attended the meeting, made us welcome and talked with us. Many toured the vessel and witnessed up close the new Yankee jib which was completed and installed just in time for the event. The Woodmen organization is nearly as old as the *Governor Stone* and we hope this partnership will last another 100 years. We applaud their commitment to preserving the cultural heritage of the area.

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

O Captain, My Captain

We are seeking a group of captains willing and able to sail the vessel. Captain Bill Hamilton is remaining a captain, but resigning as Operations Chair. We are grateful to him for leading through the recent trials. Captain Tom Carter has retired his license. Both will still be found on board at times, but will have time to pursue other interests. And yes there was a dinner.



Captains

In case it was not clear, we are seeking captains for the Governor Stone. Our insurance requires she have a USCG certified captain on maintenance only. Others require sailing experience. It is a rare opportunity. If you know captains who would like to take it on – 850-621-0011.

Welcome Captains Dale Arnold and Steven Davis

Captain Dale expertly navigated the Panama City boat parade for us. Find him at Stem to Stern when not on board the *Governor Stone*. Captain Steven will be with us when not shipping out to distant ports.

Smile.Amazon.Com

Amazon users can now use Smile.Amazon.com for their purchases and Amazon will donate a percentage of what you pay to the *Governor Stone*. It costs you nothing; the vessel benefits. Just use the Smile.Amazon.com site. There is a link to it on our website, GovernorStone.org.

History –Reflections

The photo is of Jim Burns who visited and sailed on the *Governor Stone* in 1991 in Apalachicola. Note the distant expression as he stands where his grandfather, Patrick Burns stood when he became ½ owner of the vessel in 1882. Jim brought 18 relatives to share the moment and be photographed on the vessel. Thanks to Jim's daughter Betty Burns Mayes for sending us the photos.



Are You Salty Yet?

Our Old Salt membership level of \$100 is popular with renewing members. If you still aren't an Old Salt, become one today. There is a GS tote bag in it for you.

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.

Thanks to recent Donor Level Supporters (>\$250)

Woodmen of the World
Panama City
Bill Holland
John Darrah

Thanks to Panama City for voting us into their budget for 2015

Wish List

Captains
Funds for the next maintenance tasks

Welcome New Members

Susan David
Diana Pieper
Maria Sislova & Phil Rosfield
James Gibson
Sondra Groom

May your days be as bright and beautiful as the lighted *Governor Stone* this holiday season



The *Governor Stone* is at Smith Yacht Basin in St. Andrews for the holidays.

