



A National Historic Landmark

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Now Hear This!

Announcing the John Curry Save the Governor Stone restoration fund drive. Our Florida State Historic Preservation Grant has been approved. We are still awaiting legislative funding. Project Manager Captain Bill Hamilton and our Board have an ambitious restoration plan. Our membership has pledged 832 volunteer hours; Eastern Shipbuilding, Bay County Boat Yard, and Historic Ship and Boat Consultant, Kurt Voss have signed on to assure we have the facilities and expertise to DO IT RIGHT.

Our mission is to raise an additional \$50,000 to DO IT ALL. Your assistance is hereby solicited. We thank John for being the first to donate. He is on the left accepting our first ever lifetime membership.



Welcome to a New Board Member

Gibby Conrad joined our Board on October 13th. He works at the Tallahassee Museum, and is a historian, ecologist, writer and nephew of Richard Ashman, former owner of the Governor Stone.

Market to Market

While rain thwarted early attempts to get the Governor and the new Vintage Market together at the Panama City Marina, we were able to sail at the Vintage Market as well as at the Farmer's Market at St. Andrews Marina and to enjoy sailing adventures from one marina to the other this fall, all to rave reviews.



Book a seat on board for the Destin Boat Parade December 9th. 850-621-0011

Haunted History

In collaboration with the Heritage Park and Cultural Center, we shared our spooky history with visitors to Downtown Ft. Walton Beach Oct. 26-27. Ray Mansfield represented owner Thomas Burns and told the story of the hurricane of aught six and the two skeletons discovered aboard the capsized vessel.

Governor Stone Turns 135

New material from the National Archives indicates that Charles A. Greiner applied to the Collector of Customs in Shieldsborough, MS for an official vessel number (85508) October 18, 1877. Launch date is still a mystery, but it was likely somewhere in October. More interesting, he applied for a license in 1878, but did not pick it up. The vessel was not licensed until February of 1880. Then in July of that year it was licensed to Armand Lyons, an in-law of Mulford Dorlan who is purported to be the second owner of the Gov.



Sailing in the Sound

Captain Tom Carter ably sailed the vessel on 4 trips down Santa Rosa Sound from the dock of the Original Waterfront Crab Shack in November. The public and press were enthralled.

Kids Man the Governor

Seven students from AMIkids Panama City location and their instructors learned the ropes of sailing a historic schooner. Captain Bill Hamilton, Horace Warren and Carol Visalpatara took this able crew on a trip in St. Andrew Bay.



The Friends welcome the opportunity to work with at-risk youth and plan to expand the program in the future. Members interested in contributing in any of our locations please contact.

We are proud of our relationship to AMikids in PC and Ft. Walton Beach and thank them for their support.

Like us on Facebook



This is the Governor's most popular Facebook post. A few seconds earlier it looked like a shark eating a marshmallow. We are posting the many adventures and photos of the Governor Stone. Do follow the vessel's every move on Facebook.com/GovernorStone

Dues Schedule

Encourage your friends to join in the fun and to support the Gov

- _____ \$10 ~ Friend (supporter)
- _____ \$25 ~ Steward Member (individual)
- _____ \$50 ~ Cabinmate Members (family)
- _____ \$250 ~ Seaman Donor
- _____ \$500 ~ Staysail Donor
- _____ \$1,000 ~ Foresail Donor
- _____ \$5,000 ~ Mainsail Donor
- _____ \$10,000 ~ Commodore Donor

All levels receive email newsletter. Memberships are tax deductible per federal tax laws. New members at each level Receive a keepsake of the Governor Stone. Some premiums are awarded at the Annual General Meeting.

Many thanks to sponsors over the past 3 months

Apalachicola Bay Chamber of Commerce
 City of Carrabelle
 Franklin County Tourist Development Council
 St. Andrews Community Redevelopment Council
 The Original Crab Shack
 Cities of Fort Walton Beach, Panama City and Freeport
 for designated docking
 The Boat Marina for providing slip usage

Come And Get It?

Get your piece of the Governor Stone, along with food, fun, updates and entertainment. The **Annual General Meeting** of the Friends of the Governor Stone, Inc. will be at Harbor Village, St. Andrews, Panama City, Florida, **January 12, 2013** beginning at 5 pm CST.

Donor level members

Bobby Roberts	Jack Miller
Kristin Anderson	Carol Visalpatara
Carl Updyke	Harry & Sandra Dennard
John & Mary Darrah	

Volunteer Opportunities Remain Endless Get involved and join a committee!

Membership, Ray Mansfield chair
 Operations/Scheduling, Capt. Bill Hamilton chair
 Education/Culture/History, Gibby Conrad chair
 Public Relations, Kristin Anderson chair
 Fundraising, chairmanship open
 Finance and Budget, Carol Visalpatara chair
 Nominating, Kristin Anderson chair

Email info@GovernorStone.org or call 850-621-0011 to sign on.

Meet the Board

President	Secretary/Treasurer
Harry Dennard	Carol Visalpatara
Woodmen of the World	Ret. Hist. Interpreter

Kristin Anderson	Capt. Bill Hamilton
Artist, Silversmith	Retired IBMer
Kristinworks	Master Captain

Ray Mansfield	John Darrah
Corporate Pilot	Developer
Flight Instructor	Businessman

Dean Covey	Cal Allen
Ret. Chemical Engineer	City Commissioner
Community Advocate	City of Carrabelle

Capt. Gibby Conrad
 Educator/Ecologist
 Master Captain

Your donations of funds and services are tax deductible.

The Friends of the Governor Stone, Inc. is the 501 (c) 3 nonprofit organization that maintains this classic National Historic Landmark schooner. Keeping a wooden vessel seaworthy, safe and a beautiful sight to see is costly. The Friends welcome all manner of assistance in the endeavor. **Call 850-621-0011 or email info@GovernorStone.org. Mail contributions to P.O. Box 4716, Fort Walton Beach, FL 32549 and keep coastal history afloat.**