



National Historic Landmark

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A Very Happy Birthday for the *Governor Stone*

October 22nd brought together many members of the Friends of the Governor Stone, members of the local community and distant visitors to celebrate the vessel's 140th. We were pleased to have Panama City Mayor Greg Brudnicki, City Commissioners Mike Nichols and Kenneth Brown and Bay County Commission Chair Bill Dozier attend.



Commissioner Mike Nichols, strong supporter of the vessel *Governor Stone*, announced a Florida State historic site marker will be installed at Beck Avenue to direct folks to the slip of the *Governor Stone*.

Sea Cadets from the John Paul Jones Division from Tallahassee presented the colors for the event. Thanks to them and to the local Sea Wolf Division for the hard labor they provided to prepare the vessel to be on display.



And she did look her very best. The work of the many on several workdays went into assuring she glowed for this special occasion.

She's a good ol' boat and she'll stay afloat thru the toughest gale and keep smilin'.

---Gordon Lightfoot



The National Park Service official plaque designating the *Governor Stone* a National Historic Landmark (the actual designation was in 1991) was unveiled by Kristin Anderson of the original Apalachicola Maritime Institute and Bill Holland, master boatbuilder of Holland Boatyard, who have a combined history of 58 years with the *Governor Stone*.



Grady Morgan of St. Andrews Water-front Partnership cut the birthday cake donated by Little Village. Thanks to them, St. Andrews and Panama City Marinas, Provisions

and Alice's restaurants, Buffalo Rock, Catering Connections, the Panama City Publishing Museum and the City of Panama City for making our day with their donation to the event.

From the President –

Now the party's over and it is time to get back to work. We have a broken chainplate, so no sails until that is fixed for safety reasons. Planking needs to be replaced and we need to finalize plans for the transom replacement. All of this requires time, effort and MONEY. This is a call for "all hands on deck" to raise the funds needed, volunteer skills and time, and work together to KEEP HISTORY ALIVE.

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

The Rest of the Quarter

Work days (FSWD, SSWD, TSWD & FSWD and a few non-Saturdays were worked between hurricanes. Decorating will be on the agenda for the FSWD Dec. 2nd.

President Kay Cherry presented the Governor Stone story at the September Bay County Historical Society meeting and the November local Rotary Club meeting, and was seen often on local media inviting all to the birthday party.

At their Oct. 17th meeting the Bay County Commission presented her with the document proclaiming the GS 140th birthday.

Panama City Lighted Boat Parade!

Begins December 9th at 5:30 at PC Marina, follows Beach Dr. to St. Andrews Marina and on to Sun Harbor Marina –a must-see.

History -

October 22nd was a celebration of the full history of the truly historic *Governor Stone*.

Welcome New Members

Bob Hurst Ken Boyk
John Lewis Penny & Bob Daffin
Robert & Becky Saunders

Our renewing members are our strength

Michael Hauser J McNeil & Shellie Sneary
Marian Myers Mike & Cherie Bukovitz
Ray Mansfield Rob & Sue Blue
Nancy Hudson Sondra Groom
Allan Knudsen & Colleen Sinor
Lenora & Dick Warriner & Blake

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 Salt
\$250-500 ~ Salty Dog

We welcome a commitment at any amount. These funds go toward maintaining the vessel and the organization.

[Click here to join.](#) [Click here to renew or go to](#)
GovernorStone.org/membership.

AGM and Board Meeting

Our Annual General Meeting is January 14th at 2pm, details to follow. The next Board meeting is December 3rd at 2pm. RSVP for details.

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.

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.

Wish List

More folks enjoying this fabulous vessel as Friends of the Governor Stone.

Smile

Make all your seasonal Amazon purchases 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.

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