



National Historic Landmark

# Cabin Notes

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## From the President –

Friends and friends,

By now you have probably all heard the news of our beloved GOVERNOR STONE. Hurricane Michael struck our region with a fierceness that we will hopefully never see again. The GOVERNOR STONE was one of many vessels and dreams that were harshly battered. However, like the people of the Florida Panhandle and surrounding areas, the GOVERNOR STONE is strong and resilient, and will be rebuilt.

On November 10<sup>th</sup>, 30 days after the storm, TowBoat US and Beyel Brothers Crane and Rigging raised the vessel from the waters in St. Andrews Marina. Currently we are awaiting transportation to Snug Harbor Boat Works in Madeira. Industry professionals will review the vessel so that we can put together a realistic budget and project list.

At this time we are focusing on keeping our name in the public mind, fundraising and planning.

GoFundMe accounts, etc. will be established once we have realistic numbers in hand. We will share the information as it is available. In the meantime donations are gratefully accepted on our website and Facebook page and by mail.

On a personal note, I want to wish each one of you a blessed holiday season. I am very thankful for your interest and involvement with the Friends of the Governor Stone and that I have the privilege of working with you.

--Amanda Kilbourn

President

Thanks to Brad Stephens of Sunjammers for this amazing photo of the battered historic S/V *Governor Stone* when suspended above the vessel that was previously beside her and the barge that moved her to safety.



The vessel was expertly and gently rolled over and placed on a Beyel barge for transport and repair.

## Pre-October 10

We know many were disappointed this year because the vessel did not sail. Our volunteers continued work on Work Days to resolve maintenance issues essential to safe sailing. Most significant was the replacement of the corroded and damaged chain plates. Seven of the eight had been replaced and served well during the storm.

## Good News from the Wish List

Thanks to Kurt Voss for finding and donating the green lens needed for our historic nav lights.

Thanks to Schooner Western Union for the conch shell for evening sails.

Both were on our wish list in August. Best news is that neither was on the vessel on Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>.

## Wish List

1. Your time. We need to have a presence at the Farmers' Market Saturday mornings and the Light Up St. Andrews shopping events Friday evenings in St. Andrews.

2. Give the gift of a charitable donation! A super gift for that person who has everything is a membership in the Friends of the Governor Stone or a onetime donation in their honor.

3. Help us keep the *Governor Stone* relevant via social media. Share your stories with us. Share our information with your friends.

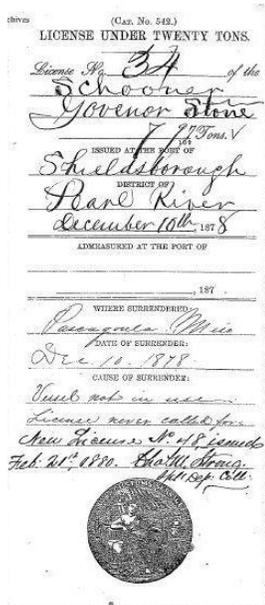
4. Provide us with viable fundraising possibilities; likewise about expert shipwrights, carpenters and riggers.

## Many Thanks To:

Captain Shane O'Neal of TowBoat US, Beyel Brothers Crane and Rigging, St. Andrews Marina, Keep St. Andrews Salty, City of Panama City, Bill Lloyd (FOGS VP). They have all been instrumental in the safekeeping of, the smooth and professional salvage of, and the ongoing publicity and support for the GOVERNOR STONE. Without them the process of salvage would have been much more difficult, if not impossible. They have been true advocates for our organization.

## History –

The newsletter has featured the first three sinking of the *Governor Stone* previously. We are hereby reminding you all that sinkings happened before though we do not intend another repeat. The fourth event was the grounding of 1878. A few short months after she was launched likely a storm damaged her sufficiently that owner Charles Greiner did not pick up her December 10, 1878 license. In fact he did not license the vessel again until February 21, 1880. On July 27th of that year the vessel was licensed to Mul Dorlon. The document left says, "Vessel not in use. License never called for." Was she on the hards for over a year under repair? Or maybe Mr. Greiner decided to use his new schooner privately and let the license lapse. Does anyone have information on this chapter in the long history of the *Governor Stone*?



Courtesy of the National 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. We have our work cut out for us, now.

## Smile

Please make all your Amazon purchases at [Smile.Amazon.com](https://www.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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# You Can Donate to Rebuild the Governor Stone Right Here

## Welcome New Members

Pete Chronis Adrienne Heuer  
Kent & Audrey Lewis  
Jon Hill & family (welcome back)  
Dan & Chris Tonsmeire

## Thanks Renewing Members

Sharon Anderson  
Nancy & Tim Hudson  
Ray Mansfield  
Marian Myers

## 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 of events and 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.

[Click here to join.](#) [Click here to renew or go to our website at GovernorStone.org/membership.](#) Members receive a distinctive sticker each year. There is still time to get this year's.

