



President's Year-end Review

TO START OFF, THERE WERE TIMES WHEN I THOUGH THAT A GHOST OR GHOSTS FROM THE PAST ARE STILL AROUND AND DIRECTING THE FUTURE OF GOVERNOR STONE. IF SOMETHING WAS NOT THE WAY THEY WANTED IT, IT WOULD NOT WORK OR SOME HOW IT GOT CHANGED.

WITH THE HELP OF THE CREW OF THE PAST AND PRESENT THE FOLLOWING ARE THE HIGH LIGHTS OF WHAT WE WERE ABLE TO ACCOMPLISH IN 2009 NOT NECESSARILY IN ORDER.

- ✓ INSTALLED NEW BOARD MEMBERS
- ✓ FINISHED THE ACQUIRED MATCHING GRANT FROM THE STATE OF FLORIDA FOR THE RESTORATION OF THE GS
- ✓ COMPLETED THE RESTORATION PROGRAM AHEAD OF SCHEDULE
- ✓ REWORKED THE BYLAWS
- ✓ HAD VESSEL HARDWARE RESTORED BY THE UWF
- ✓ PUT GS ON PUBLIC DISPLAY IN FWB AT THE BILLY BOWLEGS FESTIVAL
- ✓ TOOK THE VESSEL OUT FOR ITS FIRST SAIL SEA TRIAL
- ✓ DEVELOP A PROGRAM CALLED SHIPMATES
- ✓ HAVE OUR FIRST SHIPMATE –ST ANDREW REVITALIZATION
- ✓ NEGOTIATING WITH FOLKS IN THE FREEPORT AREA AS A SHIPMATE
- ✓ NEGOTIATING WITH FOLKS IN THE FORT WALTON BEACH AREA AS A SHIPMATE
- ✓ NEGOTIATING WITH APALACHICOLA TO BE A HOST FOR THEIR WOODEN BOAT SHOW IN APRIL
- ✓ WORKING WITH THE NEW MOBILE MARINE MUSEUM AS A SHIPMATE FOR 2012

- ✓ PARTICIPATED IN A FUND RAISING DINNER WITH THE OTHER MUSEUMS OF OKALOOSA COUNTY
- ✓ INTERVIEWED PEOPLE FROM THE PAST TO GATHER HISTORICAL INFORMATION
- ✓ RENTED A STORAGE FACILITY
- ✓ COMPILED AN INVENTORY LIST OF THE MATERIALS ASSOCIATED WITH THE VESSEL, INCLUDING THEIR VARIOUS LOCATIONS
- ✓ ACQUIRED A GRANT FOR FOUR EDUCATIONAL PANELS
- ✓ ESTABLISHED THREE PROGRAMS WITH AMIKIDS:
 - THREE TIMES A WEEK INSPECTION OF THE VESSEL
 - HANDS ON WITH MAINTENANCE
 - RESEARCH OF THE HISTORY OF GS
- ✓ ACQUIRED INSURANCE FOR THE VESSEL
- ✓ APPOINTED JON GODWIN AS THE EXECUTIVE MANAGER
- ✓ MOVED THE VESSEL TO PANAMA CITY FOR THE FIRST PUBLIC DISPLAY AS PART OF THE SHIPMATE SHARING PROGRAM

AT THIS TIME I WOULD LIKE TO THANK EVERYONE WHO HAS WORKED SO HARD AND SUPPORTED THE PROGRAMS AND GIVEN THEIR TIME TO GETTING THE GOVERNOR STONE TO WHERE IT IS TODAY. I WOULD LIKE TO MENTION NAMES BUT THE LAST TIME I DID THAT I GOT IN SERIOUS TROUBLE SO YOU ALL KNOW WHO YOU ARE AND I WOULD LIKE TO PERSONALLY THANK YOU FOR ALL THE TIME THAT YOU HAVE GIVEN US. PLEASE CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE NEW PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS IN THIS GREAT ENDEAVOR AND IS GREATLY APPRECIATED.

THE BOD WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE BECOME DECKHAND MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION THAT MAINTAINS THIS NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK.

AT THIS TIME, I WOULD LIKE TO WISH THE NEW PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS THE BEST OF LUCK FOR THE FUTURE ON THE CONTINUED PROGRESS OF GOVERNOR STONE.

Captain Dick Gercak

PAST PRESIDENT AND CAPTAIN OF REGISTER