

# *Krewe of Bowlegs*

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## **"DISCOVERING EMERALD ISLAND"**

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# Message From Captain Billy 56

Our year-long voyage to “Discover Emerald Island” has now come to an end as we welcome aboard Captain Billy 57, who will continue the long standing traditions of Bowlegs. And what a voyage it has been! My selection as Captain Billy LVI, a surprise to no small degree, was accepted with knowledge of the high degree of inherent responsibility. I will always remain appreciative for the great opportunity to lead such an outstanding organization.

During each Bowlegs year, new opportunities for the Krewe are presented, expanding the responsibilities of all of us, from the Billy through the Committee chairs. Only with the dedicated support of everyone on the Protocol group, as well as from other Krewe volunteers, can the extensive suite of activities be conducted in the expected first class manner. As I reflect on the past year, still spooling down from the frenetic activity of Festival week, I take pride in the accomplishments of the Krewe of 56. The leadership group set out from the beginning with the objective to participate in everything we possibly could, and few opportunities were overlooked. With the luxury of managing my own time, and with my Lackey's recent retirement, our schedule was under our control, as was Queen Charlotte and Ben's, following some adjustments. The First Mate and Mistress, however, both maintained full-time, highly-responsible jobs, yet still were able to support the stressful schedule. Relative youth has its benefits, though sleep for them was an expendable luxury. We all dedicated much more time to the voyage than we initially expected but, I believe, received much more benefit than expected in return. Echoing many predecessors: “I would not have missed it for the world, but I could not endure it again”.

Generally, the Captain is selected from a cadre who has experience with the leadership either as First Mate or as the Queen's Lackey. Occasionally, one such as myself, is selected without this basis, which introduces a bit more uncertainty due to the lack of the specific experience. Although I have held many positions and attended nearly 20 years of Bowlegs functions, a number of the tasks required of me came as a surprise. Luckily, with support of Bruce Marshall and the Krewe of 55 leadership, Brock Fisher, Dick and Jeannie Roberts and several other previous Billy's, I believe we met all of the challenges. Special thanks to my Lackey, Gretchen who started out with reservations, but became a staunch supporter of 56 activities and stepped in whenever needed to keep events on track.

I would like to thank our beautiful Queen Charlotte for all she has done for the year, not the least of which was saving her Lackey Ben for us all. She is a ray of sunshine where ever she appears and Ben is just a hoot and cannot be suppressed even though he knows he should slow down. Both of them are there when you need them; whenever anything requires doing they are first in line to volunteer.

The First Mate and Mistress, Ken and Nancy, have done an astounding job of marshalling the Honor Guard, coordinating the wenches and keeping all Bowlegs operations on track over the year. With their important external obligations, they still managed to juggle time to get every important item done in a high-class fashion. Ken is responsible, for the most part, for developing the Year 56 logo, which I immodestly proclaim to be the best logo ever. They both are always levelheaded and great sounding boards for any pending decisions and have always added great value to every Year 56 endeavor.

I am constantly amazed that the incoming Billy can find 10 new couples every year to serve as his Honor Guard. They become the travelling face of Bowlegs as well as the core of every party at home. I could not be prouder of the group that we selected for Year 56. They have bonded to an extraordinary degree and have been a tremendous support through the year. I recognize that it has been difficult to juggle job assignments and family responsibilities, yet still be there when needed by Bowlegs. They always stepped up to be the leaders of the action. In addition, they all learned the OMG Honor Guard dance that not only is impressive, but is the first couples dance presented, to my knowledge, since 1993. I can only hope that we continue to be connected together in future years.

Thanks to the Princess and Privateers, the Children of the Court, as well as their member sponsors who supported us this year.

This year we had a very experienced group of Officers and Board members who have helped guide both internal and external activities and have been a great source of experience to draw upon. Our designated Masters and Grandmasters have supported our outstanding Committee chairmen in executing the myriad of activity that makes 56 an exemplary year. I would like to enumerate the long list of activities that will be seen to be the best-in-class over time, but space precludes it. Krewe members have continuously expressed their appreciation through the year, which to me is the highest accolade.

Lastly, I would like to express my appreciation to the remainder of the Krewe, who have turned out in large numbers to support the many functions of Bowlegs this year. We are a close community and the activities of the leadership are done in the name of the Krewe thus your participation is vital. The Chamber of Commerce Bowlegs committee and leadership have also been vital to our year. From providing a venue for our various meetings to conducting the land side of the Bowlegs festival, they have been great.

I wish Captain Billy 57 and his group great success in his year of “Slash 'n Burn”. I hope their year is as fun-filled as ours has been as they carry on the grand traditions of Bowlegs!





# Tony Gilligan

## Captain Billy Bowlegs, 56

Originally from Ashland, Kentucky, Tony spent most of his adolescent life in Cincinnati. Enlisting in the Air Force at age seventeen, he became an avionics repairman with a first assignment to Wheelus AFB in Libya. Following training as a Technical Instructor, he taught Radar and Avionics courses at Keesler AFB, MS. During off-duty hours, he gained sufficient credits to enter an Air Force commissioning program. Under AF sponsorship, he acquired an Electrical Engineering degree from Oklahoma University, and was commissioned through Officers Training School. He later received a Masters degree in Electrical Engineering from the Air Force Institute of Technology. Following engineering assignments in Ballistic Missiles, he was assigned to a weapon development program at Eglin. With "sand in his shoes" he reluctantly transferred to Ohio for his last assignment before retirement. After retiring, he returned to the warmth of Florida, taking a job with Martin Marietta in Orlando, as an avionics System Engineer. After acquiring a Masters in Business Administration from the Florida Institute of Technology, he accepted a promotion to Rockwell International in Atlanta, as the Director of Hellfire Missile Advanced Programs. Presented with a new opportunity, he was fortunate enough to return to the Emerald Coast with the vanguard of Sverdrup Technology (now Jacob Engineering) managers to establish an Engineering support contract on Eglin in 1986. After ten years of assisting the growth and development of the contract from 26 engineers to over 500, he left Sverdrup to initiate his Shalimar consulting business, Bahia Vista Associates, where he continues as President.



He is currently a member of the FWB Rotary club, where he was a past Sergeant-at-Arms, a member the Emerald Coast Military Affairs Council, and numerous other professional and social societies. He is a past Chairman of the FWB Chamber of Commerce Host Council and is a past President of the Okaloosa-Walton United Way.

Tony joined the Krewe in 1992 and was on the Honor Guard of Dick Manley, Captain Billy Bowlegs 39. He has served as officer or board member for the last fifteen Captain Billy's.

Tony is married to the former Gretchen Kunz of Kettering, Ohio. She recently retired from the Air Force Civil Service at Eglin, where she served as a contract price analyst supporting major acquisition systems. Gretchen's civil service career included employment at Wright Patterson AFB in Dayton, OH, where she met Tony, Orlando Defense Logistics Agency, Atlanta DLA, and Eglin. Gretchen has a BA from Wright State University, Dayton, Ohio. She is a supporter of numerous charitable organizations, many of which focus on animal welfare. She is a current member of the Republican Women Okaloosa Federated and the Elks Lodge, Okaloosa Island. She enjoys cruising, long lunches with girlfriends, reading and book club, gardening and spoiling their two Boston "Terrorists".

Tony and Gretchen have been married 28 years. They have four children, Denise Winter, Gene Gilligan, Erin Hunt and Doug Gilligan. Denise earned a BA in Criminology from FSU. Erin completed her undergraduate work at the University of Cincinnati and earned a Masters Degree in Library Science from FSU. She is currently a children's librarian with the Montgomery County, OH library system. Gene & Doug live and work in the local area.

Tony enjoys racquetball, boating and motorcycling on his Gold Wing. Together they enjoy traveling, particularly cruising. Gretchen and Tony live in Niceville.

# Charlotte Boyt

## Queen of Bowlegs, 56



Charlotte Ford Boyt, 56th Queen of Bowlegs, has been a resident of Shalimar and the Emerald Coast for 20 years. Originally from Marks, Mississippi, Charlotte moved to this area from Memphis, Tennessee. Charlotte earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Elementary Education from the University of Southern Mississippi. While at Southern Miss she was an active member of Delta Delta Delta Sorority and President of her pledge class. After graduation, she was hired by Southern Airways and trained as a flight attendant, beginning a thirty-two year flying career. Following various airline mergers, she now is with Delta Airlines where she has recently flown primarily international flights.

Charlotte is a sustaining member of the Junior League of the Emerald coast, past president of the Tri-Delta Alumnae Association, past vice-president of the Northwest Florida Tennis Association, member of the NRA and Republican Women Okaloosa Federated, past International Baccalaureate board at Choctawhatchee High School and several other organizations. Charlotte enjoys playing competitive tennis, reading and entertaining friends.

Charlotte is married to Bernd (Ben) Boyt. Ben was born in Prague, Czech Republic. He moved to the U.S. in 1954 and

graduated Lane Technical High School in Chicago. In 1964 he enlisted in the Air Force where he became a jet engine mechanic. After his Air Force obligation was fulfilled, he enrolled in Embry-Riddle, Daytona Beach, FL, where he earned a B.S. in Aeronautical Science. He then became a flight instructor and later became a corporate aircraft pilot. In 1973 he was employed by Southern Airways as a copilot. He continued his pilot career when Southern merged with Republic Airlines in 1979. He became a captain soon after Republic was sold to Northwest Airlines in 1985. He retired from Northwest in 1996, obtained his broker's license and entered the world of real estate for the next six years. Since that time, he has devoted himself to his wife and son. Ben is a lifetime member of the NRA. Charlotte and Ben have been in Bowlegs over eight years. They served on the Honor Guard of Captain Billy Bowlegs LII, Michael Gates and Queen Beverly Crews.

Queen Charlotte's gown reflects collaboration between Boyt and Samai Jomparsart of Samai's Sewing and Alterations in Fort Walton Beach. The top, bodice and hem are circled by hand-beaded French lace, shimmering with gold couture-like application of gold Swarovski crystals. The train and collar were created by Karen Thornton of Mobile, Alabama. The black velvet train is bordered by gold and rhinestone braid edged in gold ruffles. It features appliqués of a gold, jeweled-encrusted pirate ship, palm trees, crossed tennis racquets and a large silver airplane, which hold reminders of the queen's life, career and friendships made throughout her years in the Krewe of Bowlegs. The queen's crown, medallion and jewelry were designed by Mr. Tommy Cain of Dynasty Collection of Mobile, Alabama. The crown features Austrian crystal stones imported from Europe, with center front graced by a large, oval stone encircled by smaller round Tiffany-style stones, which rest on a bed of large marquis crystals. An array of marquis-cut crystals forms a base for a pear-shaped crystal that adorns the top of the crown, with the design continuing throughout. The medallion and earrings compliment the crown's design with swirls of marquis-cut stones. All are finished in 14-Karat gold.

Charlotte and Ben have one son, Will, who served on the children of the court as the Captain's Proclamation Bearer for Captain Billy Bowlegs LII, Michael Gates. Will served as a Privateer in 2009-2010 under Captain Billy Bowlegs LV, Bruce Marshall. Will is a magna cum laude graduate of Choctawhatchee High School where he received his International Baccalaureate diploma. He also played four years of varsity tennis and was an active member of Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Key Club, and National Honor Society. Entering his sophomore year at Auburn University, he is pursuing a degree in wireless software engineering. Will is an active member of Phi Delta Theta Fraternity serving on the executive board as chapter risk management chair and fire marshal.



# Ken & Nancy Watson

## First Mate & First Mistress, 56

Ken and Nancy Watson met in a Publix supermarket in Daytona Beach, FL while Ken was attending Embry Riddle Aeronautical University and Nancy was attending Daytona Beach Community College. They were married in 1982.

Ken, who grew up in Connecticut, earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Aeronautical Engineering from ERAU and a Master of Science Degree in Electrical Engineering from the University of Florida.

Nancy holds a Bachelors Degree in Business Administration with a major in Accounting from Stetson University and a Masters Degree in Business Administration from the University of West Florida.

Ken and Nancy joined the Krewe of Bowlegs in 1999 and enjoyed serving on the Honor Guard for Captain Billy XLVI, Dr Phil Blumer and his Queen Lynne Amiel. Ken has chaired various committees on the Krewe and has served as Second and First Vice President.

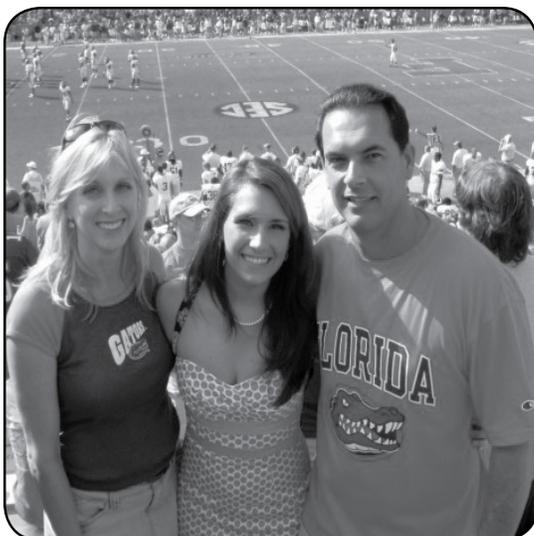
Ken is a senior leader at Eglin Air Force Base. He has served over 15 years in Eglin's Air Force Research Laboratory developing cutting edge weapon technology, and over 10 years in Eglin's Air Armament Center as Chief Engineer and Technical Director for Air-to-Surface and Air-to-Air weapons systems. He has led the design, development, test and production of numerous weapons and missiles used by the Air Force, Navy and our allies. Ken currently serves as Program Director for the Miniature Air Launched Decoy and Jammer programs, the Air Force's newest missile in the battle of electronic warfare. He has volunteered at Shalimar United Methodist Church, enjoys building homes with Habitat for Humanity and is a member of Okaloosa County's Certified Emergency Response Team.

Nancy, a Certified Public Accountant, is a partner in the local accounting firm, Lowry & Watson, CPA's. Her volunteer service has included being President of the Junior League of the Emerald Coast, Treasurer of the Emerald Coast Science Center and Treasurer of the United Way of Okaloosa-Walton Counties. Nancy volunteers for the Emerald Coast Wildlife Refuge and is also a member of Okaloosa County's Certified Emergency Response Team.

Their pride and joy, daughter Shawna, is a Summa Cum Laude Choctawhatchee High School International Baccalaureate alumna who graduated from the University of Florida in April 2011 with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Health Sciences and a minor in Business Administration. She plans on attending medical school this fall. Shawna served as Crown Bearer for Queen XLIX Alexis Tibbetts and was a Krewe of Bowlegs Princess on the court of Captain Billy LII, Mike Gates and his Queen Beverly Crews.

Ken and Nancy truly enjoy life on the Emerald Coast, including boating, riding their Harleys and wave runners, traveling, Gator football, and the fun and friendships of Bowlegs.

This has been a fantastic year for us. Pirates Always!!!



Krewe	Captain Billy Bowlegs	Queen of Bowlegs	1st Mate & 1st Mistress
I	Nathan Fleet	Dian Sloat	
II	Roger Clary	Sheila Lewis	
III	John Cox	Mellie Jo Peacock	
IV	Docie Bass	Kathryn Tringas	
V	Finley Duncan	Alex Patton	
VI	Thomas Brooks	Betty Williams	
VII	William Roberts	Jean Long	
VIII	Hilary Stewart	Agnes Bass	Bill Colvell
IX	Wilson Minger	Carol Duncan	Dr. Henry & Mary White
X	Dr. Henry White	Ella Clary	Dr. Malcom & Carolyn Crotzer
XI	Winston Walker	"Sug" Brown	James Booth
XII	Dr. Malcom Crotzer	"Boota" Walker	Maurice & Tena McLaughlin
XIII	H. French Brown, Jr.	Carolyn Crotzer	Joe & Zelena Guidry
XIV	Judge Erwin Fleet	"Neen" (Gill) McHaney	Jim & Helen Kendrick
XV	Maurice McLaughlin	Mary Ellen Ricks	Gary & Connie Lee
XVI	Jim Kendrick	Lynne Mathews	James & Dot Buchanan
XVII	Clifford H. Long	Dot Buchanan	Robert & Sara Morrison
XVIII	Robert Morrison	Jo Fleet	Bob & Dot Blizzard
XIX	Joe Guidry	Helen Kendrick	William & Hazel Spain
XX	G.V. Pardue	Tena McLaughlin	Bill & Bunny Alford
XXI	Dr. William W. Thompson	Mickey Harbeson	LeDon & Annette Anchors
XXII	Roy L. Ricks	Betty (Eyrich) Kruzal	Charlie & Lynne Mathews
XXIII	William B. Harbeson, III	Kay Stokes	Charlie & Barbara Born
XXIV	William E. Spain	Sara (Brooks) Clemmons	Chris & Susan Johnson
XXV	Robert C. Blizzard	Blanche Brackin	Denzil & Merle Robbins
XXVI	C. Walt Ruckel	Donna Trum	Frank & Mary Fisher
XXVII	Thomas B. Ray	Joan Schweizer	Dr. David & Judy Arrowsmith
XXVIII	H. Gene Smith	Wava Ruckel	Bill & Tina Nelson
XXIX	Chris A. Johnson, Jr.	Adelaide Harris	Ralph & Barbara Fallin
XXX	Kenneth E. Williamson	Gloria Smith	Herb & Amayllis Tinsley
XXXI	Dr. Alex D. Trum	Susan Johnson	Johnny & Marie Johnson
XXXII	Ralph D. Fallin	Martha Kilpatrick	Harry & Virginia Barr
XXXIII	James R "Randy" Stokes	Beverly Anchors	Dr. Forrest & Sally Townsend
XXXIV	William D. Nelson, Sr.	Virginia Glynn Barr	Bill & Suzie Gross
XXXV	C. LeDon Anchors	Deborah L. Roberts	William & Katherine Dreadin
XXXVI	W. Herbert Tinsley	Carlee Foster	Ken & Jacqueline Mathiasmeier
XXXVII	James "Johnny" Johnson, III	Jean P. Blumer	Chuck & Gerry Ingram
XXXVIII	Harry Barr	Patricia B. Tringas	Sam & Lisa Burkett
XXXIX	Richard L. Manley	Lisa M. Burkett	Bart & Tracey Hudson
XL	Scotty Foster	Cissy Brown	Bob & Pam McTyeire
XLI	C.L. "Chuck" Ingram	Marie E. Johnson	Dr. Phil & Jeanie Blumer
XLII	Gregory A. Artabasy	Patricia P. Perri	Fred & Pam Cochran
XLIII	Samuel B. Burkett, III	Kathleen P. Dlabal	Jeff & Katherine McInnis
XLIV	H. French Brown, III	Lynn Crotzer Kimmel	Dr. Brad Keller & Toni Wurth
XLV	Richard A. "Dick" Roberts	Anita D. Gates	Brock & Cynthia Fisher
XLVI	Dr. Phil Blumer	Lynne Amiel	Steve & Lolly Korn
XLVII	Dr. Thomas "Tom" Dlabal	Jeannie Roberts	Frank & Jaciel Robbins
XLVIII	Jeff McInnis	Kathy Ray	Dan & Bobbi Nelson
XLIX	Frank Robbins	Alexis Tibbetts	Don & Karen Hutson
L	Tim Ray	Jaciel Robbins	French & Cissy Brown
LI	Dr. Keith Amiel	Debbie Buchanan	King & Cheryl Vaughan
LII	Michael Gates	Beverly Crews	Mark & Ashley Siner
LIII	Brock Fisher	Kim Battiste	Bruce & Debbie Marshall
LIV	Daniel C. Perri	Bobbi Nelson	Ron & Judy Goodfellow
LV	Bruce Marshall	Nyla Starr	Tim & Cristi Perry
LVI	Tony Gilligan	Charlotte Boyt	Ken & Nancy Watson



# Bowlegs History



Ahoy! Mateys, hear ye the tale of the pirate, Billy Bowlegs! William Augustus Bowles was a remarkable adventurer who possessed a boundless and ambitious vision equipped with a charming personality, leadership brilliance, and a superior strength of will. This young and handsome colonist was born on the Maryland frontier in 1763. He was raised a loyalist to the British crown, accepting an ensign commission as a British Naval Officer at the age of 16. He fought in the American Revolutionary War with distinction. Following the war, he was transferred to Jamaica, and then, on to a British regiment in Pensacola, Florida.

At this point in his young thrilling life, Bowles broke from traditional bonds and, forcefully, insulted a senior officer; disavowed the military life; and deserted. He sought refuge with the Creek Indians; adopted their culture and language; and married a chief's daughter. These times were consumed with a power struggle between England, Spain, and America for control of the Gulf coast and its access to the sea. Bowles envisioned great opportunity in this struggle for power and wealth. In 1781, he returned to Pensacola with a war party to aid the British in defending their garrison against the Spanish. The British lost and surrendered. Bowles survived and was evacuated to New York. This initiative gained him a British pardon. Bowles was then sent to the Bahamas where, because of his cultural and linguistic knowledge of the Creek Indians, he established a commercial relationship with the Bahamian governor, John Connolly. The commercial interest was to arm the Creek Indians to fight the Spanish. He returned to the Creeks, but did not give them all he had promised; used them along with his crew to sack warehouses at the Spanish fort at St. Marks; left the Creeks little; and departed with most of the booty. A bounty was immediately placed on his head by the Spanish. Seeking to negotiate the establishment of an independent Muscogee state, Bowles was invited to a meeting with the Spanish governor of Louisiana and West Florida in New Orleans, which was a trap. He was captured and remained in Spanish custody, being moved frequently: Havana, Madrid, and Manila. While being moved to another prison, wily "Billy Bowlegs" escaped to Sierra Leone, a British colony from where he reached London and was given a hero's welcome.

Billy Bowlegs (Bowles) returned for a third time to Northwest Florida in 1799. He was centrally instrumental in forming the Republic of Muscogee (1799 – 1803), simultaneously, pitted against the sovereignty of the United States and Spain. The location of the Republic encompassed the region of Northwest Florida to the Bay of Appalachia and the territory that surrounds Tallahassee. After his history with the Creeks, many mistrusted him. As leader of the Muscogee nation, Bowlegs declared war on Spain in 1800. Bowles again attacked, and this time conquered, the St. Mark's fort. This victory was short lived. The Spanish recaptured the fort and put a large bounty on Billy Bowlegs' head. He hid in the Muscogee lands. He gradually lost the confidence of the Creeks. He was finally betrayed and captured by a rival Creek faction in the swamps surrounding Choctawhatchee Bay, where tales and legends abound to this day of Billy Bowlegs' buried treasure. He was sent to El Morro Castle where he died in 1805, at the approximate age of 42. His legacy was one of adventure and daring excitement.

The memory of William Augustus Bowles rings true in the annual Billy Bowlegs' festival. To the Emerald Coast, Billy Bowlegs leaves us with exciting pirate lore, great adventure, and buried treasure.

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**We are the Krewe of Bowlegs and we live "In Preservation of Piracy"!**

# 56th Honor Guard



*Michael & Tonya  
Castleberry*

Michael grew up in Chattanooga, Tennessee. Tonya grew up in New Orleans. He graduated with a BA in Business from Southeastern Louisiana. She attended college in Lafayette. After college they traveled in the casino industry for a couple of years, then decided to head to the Emerald Coast.

Michael and his business partner recently started a software company that develops apps for the Android Market and are becoming one of the top app companies within that industry. He also has been a coach in youth sports in our community for many years.

Tonya was a stay-at-home mom for the first 10 years with their two children. She is a volunteer with Junior League of the Emerald Coast and Liza Jackson Prep School. She works for Premier Physical Therapy at Ft. Walton Medical Center and starts college in the fall to become a Physical Therapist Assistant.

The couple has two children, Nicholas (10) and Amanda (8). Together, they enjoy the beach and boating with friends.

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Jason and Wendy Clark met on the gulf coast in 1993 and married 1996. They returned to the area in 2004 and are the owners of Priority-One Insurance Services in FWB. Jason hails from Alabama, attended the University, finishing at Athens State University with a B.A. in Business. Jason brought years of sales experience and hard work with him, coming from an outside sales position with Caterpillar in Knoxville, Tennessee. Jason is active in our community serving on the board for The FWB Rotary Club, The United Way, and The Greater FWB Chamber.

Wendy is a native of the gulf coast, born on Eglin Air Force Base. She grew up in California and Eufaula, Alabama where her roots are deep. Wendy attended Troy State University and finished her B.S. in Business at Athens State University. Wendy works with Jason at Priority-One Insurance Services. She serves on the board for the Science Center in FWB.

Jason and Wendy reside in Destin. They are the proud parents of two beautiful children; Grace Anne (11) and Jackson (9). The Clarks are members of the Destin United Methodist Church. The Clark family enjoys fishing, snorkeling, and University of Alabama football. Roll Tide!



*Jason & Wendy Clark*



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**J**ohn & Carol Graczyk reside in Navarre, Fla. John, born at Homestead AFB, traveled the world with his family. FWB was home until moving to San Jose, CA, where he was an avid cyclist, ran track and played football. Upon graduation, John joined the Army and began many adventures of his own, traveling the Middle East & Germany, until separating from the Army in 1999. John owns & operates Tents of NW Florida, Inc., specializing in weddings and other special events along the Emerald Coast. Carol, born & raised in Winter Park, Fla., completed her Paralegal Studies at Rollins College, moved to FWB for a short stay, but returned to Winter Park to complete her BS in Bus Mgt. She returned to FWB in 2004, where she continues to work as a Paralegal for the "KAGM" law firm. John & Carol enjoy spending time on the water and at the beach with family and friends. They enjoy attending sporting events to cheer on their son Johnathon (14), a receiver for the Navarre HS football team, go Raiders!



*John & Carol Graczyk*



*Jim and Irene Holstead*

**J**im and Irene Holstead came to the local area in 1985, with their final assignment in the United States Air Force. Jim grew up as an Air Force brat with roots in Northern Louisiana. He earned degrees from Louisiana Tech and the University of Utah. Jim's 26-year military career was highlighted by two trips to the Vietnam conflict, and 276 combat missions in the F-4 Phantom. Jim saw service as a Flight Test Officer, Flight Commander, US Delegate to NATO and a planner for joint air control systems with the Air Forces of Korea, Thailand, Singapore and Japan. After retirement, Jim worked 15 years for Troy University as an Associate Regional Director for Financial Affairs. Moving with Jim's career, Irene has worked in many professions. She established and managed Pretty Woman in Niceville for 10 years. Irene's last job was a district manager for Strasburg Children with many locations in the Southeast and Puerto Rico. Finally retired, they travel, play golf, and especially enjoy their family, friends and fellow pirates. This Pirate and Wench have been married 36 years, have four grown sons, six granddaughters and a new grandson.

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*Bill & Marie Kleinhelter*

**B**ill Kleinhelter is no stranger to the pirate life, thanks to his late parents Dutch and Betty, who were members of the Krewe from 1978-1991. He is the sales manager for ENCO Electronic Systems, an award-winning home automation design and installation firm. Bill enjoys giving back to the community and has been involved with many area charities, including the Children's Advocacy Center as current president, Emerald Coast Foundation as current vice president, past president of Horizons, past president of the All Sports Association, past vice president of the Building Industry Association, a past board member of the American Cancer Society and past member of FWB Rotary.

Bill found his true love, Marie, in 1994 and they have been inseparable ever since. Marie is a native Emerald Coast girl who graduated from Pensacola High and Pensacola Junior College. She is now working on her B.A. in accounting from the University of West Florida. Marie is the Project Accountant for the Howard Group and is responsible for all construction accounting for the company and its major properties, Silver Sands Outlet Center and Grand Blvd. They have two daughters; Lindsey, 27 and Megan, 21.

**G**reg and Velia began making Shalimar, FL a part of their home over 3 yrs ago. In true Pirate fashion their desire was to live on the water. Greg was born & raised in Hammond, La and attended Southeastern Louisiana University majoring in Industrial Technology. He is the owner of Dixie RV Super Stores in Hammond, LA & DeFuniak Springs, FL.

Velia is a native of Lafayette, LA where her career in marketing and yellow page sales mgt. introduced her to Greg. She now holds her insurance license and is an account executive for Brown & Brown Insurance.

Greg & Velia are active members of the civic community and both feel it is important to give back. Greg serves on the board or is part of number of various recreational organizations. Velia has served on the board of directors for United Way, was a member of the Junior League, Ladies Civitan and worked with Special Olympics. They are the proud parents of two daughters, Nichole, 24 & Brandi 23. Both girls live in the Hammond, LA area and attend Southeastern Louisiana University. Living on the water allows them to enjoy the things they love the most, spending time with their family & friends, boating and entertaining.



*Greg & Velia Tala*



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Dick Reinlie met Carla at band camp. They were fourteen and the exact date was July 20, 1969—while watching Apollo 11 land the first humans on the Moon. Thirty years passed before they reconnected and returned home. Dick originally moved to Fort Walton Beach in 1965, graduated from Choctaw, Okaloosa Walton Junior College and Florida State University. He is currently the GM for Playground Music and plays drums in an eighteen-piece jazz band, which he co-founded. Dick served on the Mary Esther City Council from 2006-2010.

Carla was born on Eglin AFB, lived in Japan, Albuquerque, and Montgomery, before returning in 1967. After graduating from Choctaw, Carla received a Bachelor's degree from Southern Mississippi and a Master's from Louisville. She currently works for the Northwest Florida State College Foundation and enjoys performing with their orchestra. Carla is an active member and past-president of the Niceville-Valparaiso Rotary Club and enjoyed serving as the 2006-2007 Honorary Commander for the 1st Special Operations Wing at Hurlburt Field. When they are not playing music or being Pirates, they enjoy playing golf.



*Dick & Carla Reinlie*



*Matthew & Tammy Ritter*

Matthew and Tammy Ritter spent their honeymoon on Okaloosa Island 22 years ago. Matt and Tammy decided to move here permanently in early 2001 to open the first Edward Jones branch in Ft. Walton Beach. The Ritters moved from Southern Illinois where Matt spent 15 years with United Parcel Service, first as a delivery driver, then a manager for 8 years. After leaving UPS, Matt joined the firm of Edward Jones Investments as a Financial Advisor. Since moving to Florida, Matt has been actively involved with the Greater Ft. Walton Beach Chamber of Commerce. He has served as the Vice President of the Economic Division, was a member of the Board of Directors and served as Chairman of the Better Business Council.

Prior to moving south, Tammy owned and operated her own Nail Salon for 10 years. Once they moved here, Tammy got involved in volunteering at West Navarre Elementary and concentrated on being a stay-at-home mom. Their children, Matthew and Paige, both attend Gulf Breeze High School.

As a family they enjoy diving, Cardinals baseball and going to the beach. They reside in Gulf Breeze and are members of Navarre United Methodist Church.

# 56th Honor Guard



*Mike & Allyson Stoltz*

Mike and Allyson both grew up military children in the local area and have been married for 12 years. They take pride in raising their own little pirate, 7 year old Blake.

Mike is a Fort Walton Beach High School graduate. He holds a bachelors degree in sports science from the University of West Florida. Mike has worked for years in restaurant management. He is currently the revenue/food & beverage manager for Big Kahuna's. When not subduing other pirates, Mike enjoys vanquishing opponents on the softball field.

Allyson is a Choctawhatchee High School graduate. She holds a bachelor's degree in communication sciences & disorders from the University of Florida and a master's degree in speech-language pathology from Nova Southeastern University. She has enjoyed a career as a speech-language pathologist for 13 years, the last 7 of which have been with the Okaloosa County School System.

As a couple they enjoy spending time with friends & family, and like all pirates, water activities.

Kent and Mary Tinsley reside in Fort Walton Beach, FL. Kent is the son of Dolly and William H (Herb) Tinsley, Captain Billy XXXVI. Kent was a privateer to Captain Billy XXXVII James M (Johnny) Johnson.

Kent is a lifelong resident of Fort Walton Beach where he graduated high school in 1992. He earned a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from the University of West Florida in 1998. Kent is a member of the Alpha Tau Omega Social Fraternity and the FWB Rotary Club, where he currently serves as a committee member of the Bowlegs Golf Tournament. Kent is an Assistant Vice President Commercial Loan Officer with First City Bank.

Mary is the daughter of Thomas and Patricia James of Morganton, NC. Mary graduated from Pensacola Christian Academy in 1999 and the University of West Florida in 2003 with a bachelor's degree in Broadcast Journalism. She enjoys volunteering for local charities and organizing fundraising events for local non-profit organizations. Mary serves as a board member of the Emerald Coast Science Center.

Kent and Mary are members of FWB First United Methodist Church. They have one son, William James Tinsley, who is four years old.



*Kent & Mary Tinsley*



# Act 1

## “DISCOVERING EMERALD ISLAND”

**Prelude:** Slide show of LVI pictures

### **Emcee**

Bill Kilpatrick

### **Captain Billy Bowlegs LVI**

Tony Gilligan

### **Queen of Bowlegs LVI**

Charlotte Boyt

### **First Mate and Mistress LVI**

Ken and Nancy Watson

### **2010-2010 PRINCESSES AND PRIVATEERS**

Mason Burkett  
Alexis Tringas  
Hunter Pattison

Macey Buchanan  
Alisha Wright  
Kyle Poppell

### **2010-2011 CHILDREN OF THE COURT**

Tyler Amiel  
Payton Blumer  
Hayden Curtis  
Brooke Gilland  
Mason Lochter  
Aiden Wesson

Beth Balent  
Katie Boole  
Maya Cusumano  
Johnny Holguin  
Marina Mykicz

### **2010-2011 HONOR GUARD**

Michael & Tonya Castleberry  
John & Carol Graczyk  
Bill & Marie Kleinhelmer  
Dick & Carla Reinlie  
Kent & Mary Tinsley

Jason & Wendy Clark  
Jim & Irene Holstead  
Matt & Tammy Ritter  
Mike & Allyson Stoltz  
Greg & Velia Lala

### **Special Recognition**

Captain's Lackey  
Gretchen Gilligan

Queen's Lackey  
Ben Boyt

# Act 2

## "Slash n' Barn"

Emcee: Michael Gates, Captain Billa Bowlegs LVII

Presentation of the 2011-2012 Princesses and Privateers

Introduction of the 2011-2012 Honor Guard

Introduction of the 2011-2012 First Mate and First Mistress

Departure of the 2010-2011 First Mate and First Mistress

Introduction of the 2011-2012 Children of the Court

Arrival of Captain Billa Bowlegs LVII

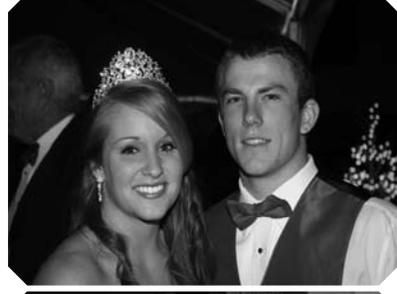
Departure of Captain Billa Bowlegs LVI and His Queen

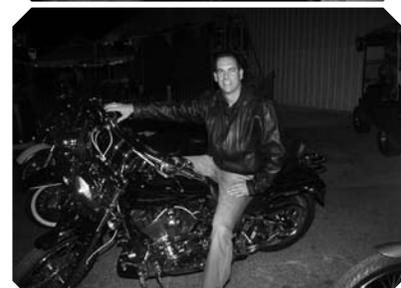
Arrival of the Queen on Bowlegs LVII

Proclamation

Group Photographs

Recessional







# 56th Krewe of Bowlegs

## 56<sup>th</sup> Executive Board

President - Capt Billy Bowlegs 56  
First Mate 56  
1st Vice President  
2nd Vice President  
Treasurer  
Secretary  
Queen's Lackey  
Ex-Officio  
Parliamentarian  
SOB Liaison  
First Mate Liaison  
Children Of The Court Liaison  
Princess & Privateer Liaison  
Executive Secretary  
Grandmaster of Krewe Log & Records  
    Master of Photography  
    Krewe Historian  
GrandMaster of Vessels  
    Master of Transportation  
    Master of Systems  
GrandMaster of Entertainment  
    Master of Music  
GrandMaster of Signals  
    Krewe Web Master  
Grandmaster of Grub and Grog  
    Master of Grub  
    Master of Grog (Libations)

Tony Gilligan  
Ken Watson  
Rick Harris  
Randy Mills  
Mark Balent  
Jack Godwin  
Ben Boyt  
Bruce Marshall (CB 55)  
Brock Fisher  
Phil Blumer  
Dan Nelson  
Ken Smith  
Sam Burkett  
Helen (& Bobby) Spencer  
Don Hutson  
Mert Wagner  
Doug Ayers  
Gordon Starr  
Bob Strauss  
Jim Roberson  
Bob McTyeire  
Marc Starr  
Mike Wallace  
Jon Wesson  
Les Fleischer  
Sean Goss  
TC Herman

## 2010 - 2011 Board Members

### General Board

Gerry Chalker  
Andy Corbin  
Brad Keller  
Charlie Potts  
Tom Timothy

Van Cogley  
Don Hutson  
Gary McMorrow  
Mark Siner  
Mike Wallace

### Support Board

Todd Bolger  
Roger Bridges  
Buddy Carter  
Tom Conner  
Del Dunn  
Basil Fossum  
Todd Harrell  
Larry Hipsh  
Bill Kilpatrick  
Danny Linn  
Ray McGovern  
Ryan Montalto  
Barry Riggs  
Roger Tucker  
Charles West  
Danny Wright

Charles Born  
John Burt  
George Cilek  
Jim Cravey  
Jim Fish  
Joe Garvie  
Jimmy Henderson  
Jonathon Jay  
Steve Laushine  
Gary McCoy  
Harry McNutt  
Kevin O'Brien  
Gene Smith  
Bob Vayda  
Jack Williams  
Noble Wyninegar

## William Augustus Bowles Museum and Historical Foundation

Richard A. Roberts, Chairman  
Rick Harris  
Jeanie Blumer  
Tony Gilligan (ex-officio)

Daniel C. Perri  
Bobbi Nelson  
Gene Smith  
Harry Barr (Counsel)

Brock L. Fisher (Treasurer)  
Debbie Marshall  
Bruce Marshall

# Behind The Scenes

## Behind the Scenes of 56

Coronation Pageant Chairman.....	Gary McMorrow
Coronation Construction Chairman.....	David Buchanan
Coronation Stage Director.....	Tracy McMorrow
Coronation Back Stage Directors.....	Bill & Christina Kilpatrick
Act I Script.....	Krewe of Bowlegs 56 Top 6
Coronation Music.....	Gordon Starr
Coronation Program.....	Mike Wallace
NWFSC Mattie Kelly Arts Center Director.....	Dr. Cliff Herron
NWFSC Mattie Kelly Arts Center Technical Director.....	Bob Whitaker

## Krewe of Bowlegs 56 Acknowledgements

Captain Billy Bowlegs 56 Costume.....	Samai's Sewing & Alterations, FWB, FL
Men's Costume Support.....	Pam McTyeire
Queen's Train & Collar.....	Karen Thornton, Mobile, AL
Queen's Crown, Medallion, & Earrings.....	Tommy Cain, Dynasty Collections, Mobile, AL
Queen's Gown.....	Samai's Sewing & Alterations, FWB, FL
Queen's Hair Style.....	Dan Findley, FWB, FL
Princesses Necklaces.....	Karen Lauer
First Mate and First Mistress 56 costumes.....	Samai's Sewing & Alterations, FWB, FL
First Mistress & Honor Guard Jewelry.....	Dynasty Collections, Mobile, AL
Logo.....	Brian Rightley, Ken Watson
Honor Guard Costumes.....	Samai's Sewing & Alterations, FWB, FL
First Mate & Mistress Costumes.....	Samai's Sewing & Alterations, FWB, FL
Children of the Court Costumes.....	Samai's Sewing & Alterations, FWB, FL
Coronation Program.....	Mike Wallace & Image Printing, FWB, FL
Slide Show and Video Presentation.....	Mike Wallace
Photos:.....	Mert Wagner, Gulf Reflections Studio
Other Supporting Businesses.....	Margie's Fabrics Crestview, FL; Perfect Imprints, Shalimar; Perfect Occasions, FWB; Ken Jernigan, Pensacola; Josette's Fabrics, Biloxi, MS; Jo-Ann's Fabrics, & Stitch FX of FWB, FL; Anchor Screen Printing, FWB

## Krewe of Bowlegs 57 Acknowledgements

Captain Billy Bowlegs 57 Costume.....	Ms. Chong Crowell, Assibang, Ft Walton Beach, FL
Queen's Gown.....	Ms. Chong Crowell, Assibang, Ft Walton Beach, FL
Queen's Train and Collar.....	Timothy Ellzey, Bal Masque' Artwerks, Mobile, AL
Queen's Crown, Medallion, Earrings.....	Tommy Cain, Dynasty Collections, Mobile, AL
First Mate 57 Costume.....	Ms. Chong Crowell, Assibang, Ft Walton Beach, FL
First Mistress 57 Costume.....	Ms. Pauline Findley, Ft Walton Beach, FL
First Mistress Jewelry.....	Tommy Cain, Dynasty Collections, Mobile, AL
Honor Guard Men's Costumes.....	Samai's Sewing & Alterations, Ft. Walton Beach, FL
Honor Guard Women's Costumes.....	Ms. Chong Crowell, Assibang, Ft Walton Beach, FL
Children of the Court Costumes.....	Ms. Chong Crowell, Assibang, Ft. Walton Beach, FL
57 Logo Design.....	Pete Sintes, Ft. Walton Beach, FL
Other Supporting Businesses.....	Josette's, Biloxi, MS; Margie's Sew Much Fun, Crestview; Mert Wagner Fine Photos; Stitch FX; Gulf Reflections; Armstrong's Printing; A2Z Specialty Advertising; Simply Elegant; White Sands Party Bus; all of Ft. Walton Beach, FL

# Princesses & Privateers



**Mason Victoria Burkett**

Daughter of Sam Burkett, Captain Billy Bowlegs XLIII and Lisa Mason Burkett, Queen XXXIX, Crown Bearer for Queen XLIII, Kathleen P. Dlabal, Train Bearer for Queen XLVIII, Kathy Ray, and Train Bearer for Queen LI, Debbie Buchanan.



**Macey Anne Buchanan**

Daughter of David and Debbie Buchanan, Queen of Bowlegs LI, Honor Guards of both Captain Billy XLVI, Phil Blumer, and Captain Billy L, Tim Ray, granddaughter of Dot Buchanan, Queen for Captain Billy XVII, Cliff Long, and Jim Buchanan, First Mate for Captain Billy XVI, Jim Kendrick, Train Bearer for her mother, Queen Debbie Buchanan, and Train Bearer for Kathy Ray, Queen XLVIII.



**Alexis Elizabeth Tringas**

Daughter of Alex and Susan Tringas, Honor Guard for Captain Billy Bowlegs XL, Scotty Foster and Queen Cissy Brown, Train Bearer for Queen XLIV, Lynn Kimmel, granddaughter of Jimmy and Kathryn Tringas queen of Bowlegs IV, niece of John and Pat Tringas Queen XXXVIII.



**Hunter Michael Pattison**

Son of Michael Pattison, Honor Guard under Captain Billy LI Keith Amiel, grandson of Don and Donna Pattison.



**Kyle Wayne Poppell**

Son of Dr. Sam and Noreen Poppell, who have been members of the Krewe since 1989.



**Alisha "Ali" Nicole Wright**

Daughter of Ronald and Kelly Broughton, who have been members of the Krewe since 2010.

# Children of the Court



**Tyler Amiel**

Captain's Cooler Bearer, son of Mike and Jen Amiel, Honor Guard for Captain Billy Bowlegs LI, Dr. Keith Amiel, grandson of Dr Amiel and the late Lynne Amiel, Queen XLVI.



**Elizabeth "Beth" Balent**

Captain's Medallion Bearer, daughter of Mark and Angela Balent, Honor Guard for Captain Billy Bowlegs LI, Dr.Keith Amiel and Queen Debbie Buchanan



**Payton Isabelle Blumer**

Queen's Iphone Bearer, daughter of Heath and Vashti Blumer, granddaughter of Jeanie Blumer, Queen of Bowlegs XXXVII and First Mistress XLI and Phil Blumer, First Mate XLI and Captain Billy Bowlegs XLVI.



**Katherine Boole**

Queen's Train Bearer, daughter of Jason and Sandy Boole, Honor Guard for Captain Billy Bowlegs LV, Bruce Marshall and Queen Nyla Starr.



**Hayden Louise Curtis**

Captain's Hammock Bearer, daughter of Damian and Leigh Curtis, Honor Guard for Captain Billy Bowlegs LV, Bruce Marshall and Queen Nyla Starr.



**Maya Cusumano**

Queen's Train Bearer, daughter of John and Tamala Cusumano, Honor Guard for Captain Billy Bowlegs LV, Bruce Marshall and Queen Nyla Starr.



# Children of the Court



**Brooke Elizabeth Gilland**

Queen's Racquet Bearer, granddaughter of Julie and Ken Smith, Honor Guard for Captain Billy Bowlegs LIV, Dan Perri and Queen Bobbi Nelson.



**John Holguin**

Captain's Proclamation Bearer, son of John and Keri Holguin, Honor Guard for Captain Billy Bowlegs LV, Bruce Marshall and Queen Nyla Starr, grandson of Rene Westerfeld and the late Gene Westerfeld, Honor Guard for Captain Billy Bowlegs XXXII, Ralph Fallin.



**Madison Locht**

Queen's Crown Bearer, daughter of Kevin and Sherry Locht, Honor Guard for Captain Billy Bowlegs LI, Dr. Keith Amiel and Queen Debbie Buchanan.



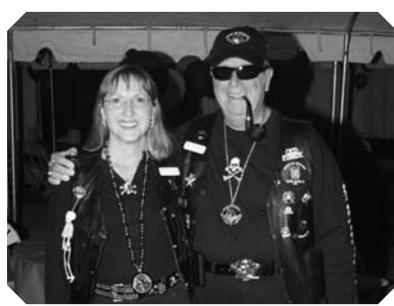
**Marina Catherine Mykicz**

Queen's Medallion Bearer, daughter of Jason and Michelle Mykicz, niece of Nancy and Ken Watson, First Mistress and First Mate LVI, Honor Guard for Captain Billy Bowlegs XLVI, Phil Blumer and his Queen Lynne Amiel.

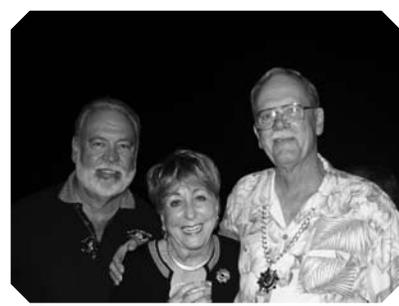


**Aiden Wesson**

Captain's Helmet Bearer, son of Jon and Amanda Wesson, Honor Guard for Captain Billy Bowlegs LV, Bruce Marshall and Queen Nyla Starr









# Tribute to the Community

## In Tribute

Jeanet "J" Smith (17 Dec 69-13 Dec 10) Wife of Scott Smith

Lyn Grubbs (6 Jan 31-25 Nov 10) Wife of Haydon Grubbs

## Thanks to the Community

The original purpose of the Krewe of Bowlegs was to promote tourism in the local area. For 56 years we have been fulfilling that objective in concert with the City of Fort Walton Beach, the Greater Fort Walton Beach Chamber of Commerce, Northwest Florida State College and other supporting organizations. The Billy Bowlegs Pirate festival continues to grow each successive year blossoming into one of the best known festivals in the Southeast.

The Saturday landing has become an institution in the city and is very well attended on the water as well as on land. This year, as in 55 years past, the Pirate Krewe was successful in taking over the city of Fort Walton Beach. The Mayor and his cohort of Militia and Emerald Coast Pirates put up the stiffest resistance to-date but ultimately were defeated by the host of Bowlegs pirates assisted by their out-of-town Krewe allies. Great fun was had by all in the process.

The Bowlegs Krewe is grateful to be a part of this large festival and commends the other participants for their parts in the festival. The Greater Fort Walton Beach Chamber of Commerce, ably led by 2011 Chair of the Board Lisa Jo Spencer, the Chambers Bowlegs Committee led by Emerald Coast Pirate John McLane, and the entire Chamber staff are major contributors to the success of the festival. Thanks to the City of FWB, led by Mayor Mike Anderson, who adds a special dimension to the event, as well as to the police and other supporting agencies. The EMTs and law enforcement agencies, including the Sheriff, the Coast Guard (and Auxiliary) and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission all work hand-in-hand to maintain safety at the event. Also thanks to the Militia, led by Doug Reed for their involvement. Many other supporting groups go unrecognized due to space limitations but they are still appreciated for their efforts in accomplishing the 56th Landing of Bowlegs.

56TH ANNUAL  
**BILLY BOWLEGS**  
PIRATE FESTIVAL  
DISCOVERING  
**EMERALD ISLAND**  
JUNE 2 - 6, 2011  
Fort Walton Landing  
139 Brooks Street  
Fort Walton Beach, FL  
TORCHLIGHT PARADE  
Sponsored by Carter & Co., CPA's  
MONDAY, JUNE 6, 7 PM  
www.fwbchamber.com/bowlegs 850-244-8191  
Security & Sound COX EMERALD COAST RESORTQUEST  
Another Fine Event from the Greater Fort Walton Beach Chamber of Commerce

Lastly, thanks to the vast number of spectators who attended the events. We hope you enjoyed it and look forward to your return for next year's festival.

In Preservation of Piracy,

*Tony Gilligan*

Captain Billy Bowlegs LVI





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