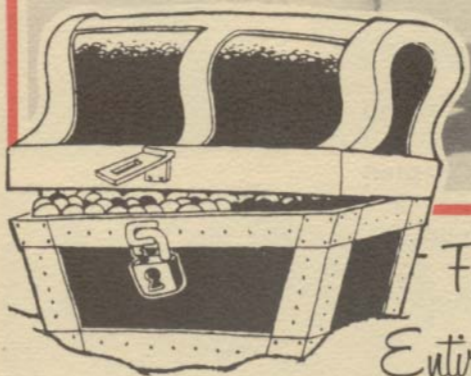


1984  
BILLY  
BOWLEGS  
FESTIVAL

FORT WALTON BEACH, FLORIDA



Fun for the  
Entire Family!

JUNE 2 - JUNE 10, 1984

**Community  
Organizations  
Participating  
in the Festival**



**Krewe of Bowlegs**

**Royal Order of Tory**

**Kiwanis Club of Fort Walton Beach**

**Rotary Club of Fort Walton Beach**

**YMCA**

**City of FWB Recreation Department**

**FWB Athletic Club**

**FWB Yacht Club**

**Moody Sportfishing**

**Arts and Design Society of FWB**

**Sand Dollar Motorcycle Club**

**Bob's Bicycle Center**

**Fort Walton Skating Center**

**ABC Kiddie Kollege**

**WNUE Radio Station**

**TOPS (FWB Chapter)**

**ATA Taekwondo**

**And many others . . .**

*Only those sponsoring official Bowlegs Festival events are permitted to use the logo shown above.*

Be sure to get a *TREASURE MAP* and information on other scheduled events at the Fort Walton Beach Chamber of Commerce.



## FESTIVAL EVENTS

- \* **USAF Jazz Band Concerts** - June 3 - 5
- \* **Small Boat Fishing Tournament** - June 2 - 9
- \* **Art and Craft Show** - June 3 - 5
- \* **BOAT PARADE AND LANDING OF KREWE OF BOWLEGS** - June 2
- \* **Bowlegs Racquetball Tournament** - June 1 - 3
- \* **Bowlegs Slow-Pitch Softball Tournament**  
June 1 - 3
- \* **KREWE OF BOWLEGS TORCHLIGHT PARADE**  
June 4
- \* **ROYAL ORDER OF TORY CHILDREN'S PARADE** - June 6
- \* **INTERNATIONAL FOOD FAIR and PIRATE'S MARKET** - June 8 - 10
- \* **Teen Street Dance** - June 8
- \* **Bowlegs Skate** - June 6
- \* **Taekwondo Tournament (Invitational)** - June 9
- \* **Cake Decorating Contest** - June 9
- \* **Downtown Merchants Window Displays**
- \* **ANNUAL BOWLEGS RAFT RACE** - June 8

- \* Sailboat Regatta - FW Yacht Club
- \* SMALL FRY FISHING RODEO - children only  
June 9
- \* Sand Dollar Motorcycle Club Poker Run  
June 3
- \* Bicycle Tour and other events - June 3 - 5
- \* ORDER OF TORY CHILDREN'S TREASURE  
HUNT - June 5
- \* Southern Style Talent - June 8
- \* BATTLE OF THE BANDS - June 8
- \* Men's Tennis Tournament - June 8 - 10
- \* CORONATION OF NEW CAPTAIN BILLY  
BOWLEGS - Krewe of Bowlegs - June 9
- \* Sundown Run and Midnight Run - June 2
- \* Pirate's Plunge Swim Meet - June 6
- \* Landing of Geneva River Rats
- \* Little Miss Pirate Contest - June 7

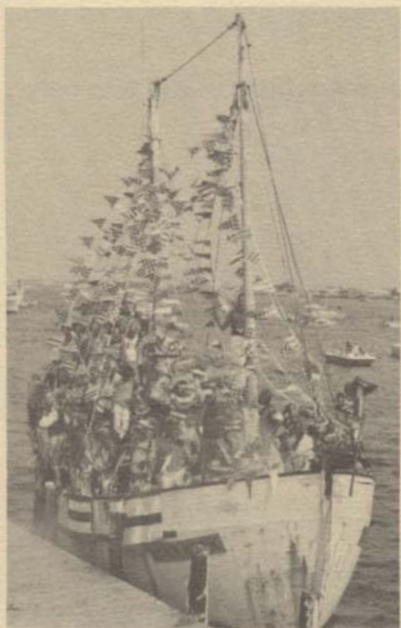
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Something for everyone, every day!

## PRE-FESTIVAL EVENTS

- \* Pro-Am Golf Tournament - May 4 - 5
- \* Women's Tennis Tournament - May 17 - 18
- \* Junior Tennis Tournament - May 25 - 27



*Treasure maps  
on sale at the  
FWB  
Chamber Office*





*Today's Capt. Billy and his Queen.*

The Billy Bowlegs Festival has William Augustus Bowles, a notorious old boy, as its patron pirate. He arrived in what was to become Florida's Playground Area in 1778 when the Spanish, English and Americans were maneuvering for control of the Gulf shores and its shipping lanes. Believing himself destined to command instead of obeying, Captain Billy Bowlegs gathered a force of a "couple hundred plundering Indians, relics from the American Army and White Banditti," a rollicking piratical crew which grew to be the concern of all three of the power-hungry countries. Captain Bowlegs (Bowles) created his own throne and the three nations considered everything from murder to a general's commission to get him on the right side. Financed by loot from a Spanish ship and surrounded by a handful of Indians, Captain Billy invaded English society for support. He was rewarded with a flag of "English and Indian colors mixed," a silver pipe, tomahawk, a Chain of Friendship and trade supplies, with which he formed the State of Muskogee. The Spanish enticed him to New Orleans and grabbed the head of the State of Muskogee. He was shipped out to Madrid and then to the Philippines, but he jumped ship and returned to his "state" and greater deeds of piracy. He raided on the Gulf and on shore. His schooners flew his pirate flag, except when they switched to the British Flag to claim their "salvaged" loot at international ports. But all good pirates must have an end, and Captain Bowlegs' came after he was seized when he was lured to peace talks in the presence of Spanish, American and English agents. The Spanish paid his disenchanting Indians a reward and took poor old Captain Bowlegs to Morro Castle, where he starved himself to death in 1803 rather than "sink so low as to speak to the Cuban general." So grab a pirate's costume and HAVE FUN at the Billy Bowlegs Festival!