

THE KREWE OF BOWLEGS
presents
CLOSE ENCOUNTERS
OF A
CARIBBEAN KIND -



OR...

a buccaneer's bash

June 10, 1978



PIRATE
CAPTAIN
BILLY BOWLEGS

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, a tomahawk, a chain of friendship and trade supplies with which, he formed the State of Muskogee. The Spanish enticed him to New Orleans and there grabbed the new head of state. He was then shipped out to Madrid, Spain 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 its shores. His schooners flew his pirate flag except when they switched to the British flag to claim their "slavaged" loot at international ports.

..... But all good pirates must have an end; and Captain Bowlegs' came after he was lured to peace talks in the presence of Spanish, American and English agents where he was seized. The Spanish paid their disenchanting Indians a reward and took poor ol' Captain Bowlegs to Morro Castle. There, in 1803, he starved himself to death rather than to "sink so low as to speak to the Cuban general!"



HISTORY of the FESTIVAL



Back in 1953, a ski show was sponsored by the Fort Walton Beach City Recreation Department to give the local residents and tourists something to enjoy over the Labor Day weekend. It was a crowd-pleaser, but the City decided it was too large for them to handle so they asked the Jaycees, then in its first year as an organization, to take it over.

The event became so popular that the following year the Jaycees decided to follow a pirate theme and name it after the infamous pirate, Billy Bowlegs, whose base of operations was the area waters. Each successive year, the growing popularity of the festival reflects a cooperative community spirit many manhours and dollars contributed to the success of an idea.

The festival finally grew into a week-long affair and was moved to "open" the beginning of the summer tourist season. The Greater Fort Walton Beach Chamber of Commerce's Attractions Committee was asked to assume the responsibility of planning the events. Steady growth finally dictated an entirely separate committee under the Chamber to operate the event this active committee is the Billy Bowlegs' Festival Committee.

Chairman, Festival Committee ... H.R. "Brick" Hanson, Jr.
Festival Coordinator Claudine Reed

Chairman, Attractions Committee
& President, Chamber of Commerce ... William E. Bagley

Executive Vice-President,
Chamber of Commerce Doug M. Everett

Festival Parade Chairman Robert W. Gates

These committees are grateful to the City of Fort Walton Beach for their continuing support and assistance.





the KREWE ~ ~ ~

..... Although the Krewe of Bowlegs is a mystic order, under charter rules and regulations, there is nothing occult in the minds of Miracle Strip residents and participants concerning its value as a social contribution and an invaluable public relations

The Krewe, currently active in its twenty-fourth year, is a direct and brilliantly promising multiple of the Billy Bowlegs' Festival. The overwhelming acceptance and ensuing success of the initial celebrations sparked vigorous, local interest and resulted in some extremely gratifying publicity beyond its intended boundaries.

Cognizant of other Gulf Coast events such as Mardi Gras and its krewe organizations, the Krewe of Bowlegs was conceived and born of a small group of area civic leaders. The Krewe's active membership consists of 165, plus past-Captain Billy Bowlegs (Society of Bowlegs) and is governed by a 13-man Board of Directors: President (current Captain Billy Bowlegs), 1st and 2nd vice-presidents, secretary and treasurer, the current First Mate, 5 general board members and 2 ex-officio members (immediate past-Captain Billy Bowlegs and husband of the current Queen).

The Krewe is composed of prominent citizens and civic leaders whose businesses help form the foundation of the City and County's economical stabilization and are, therefore, invaluable as festival supporters.

Visitors to and citizens of the area are annually in for many days of unprecedented fun and frolic during the celebration with the spotlight of pomp and ceremony focused on the Krewe's participation. Hours of volunteered time and sizable sums of money are expended each year on colorful floats, impressive decorations and gaily colored costumes used by the Krewe during the Grand Torchlight Parade and at the Coronation Pageants and Balls. The beautiful floats, depicting each year's theme, which the masked Krewe ride, allow the members to throw showers of souvenir trinkets and coins to the thousands lining the parade route. (All Krewe events are paid for from Krewe annual membership dues).

The last evening of each Festival Week, a Coronation pageant discloses, with the unmasking of a new Captain Billy Bowlegs, his Queen, First Mate and the new Honor Guard. The Captain is selected by a "secret committee" early each year ... he, in turn, chooses his Queen and Court.

The Krewe wishes you, one and all, a wonderful evening and ask that you be "on board" next year when they once again can be your host for the pageantry of the Bowlegs' Festival.



SHIP'S ARTICLES

1. Every man shall obey Civil Command: The Captain shall have one full share and a half of all full Prizes.
2. If any man shall offer to run away, or keep any secret from the Company, he shall be marron'd with one Bottle of Powder, one Bottle of Water, one small Arm and shot.
3. If any man shall steel any Thing in the Company, or gain, to the value of a Piece of Eight, he shall be marroon'd or shot.
4. That Man who shall strike another whilst these Articles are in force shall receive Moses Law (that is 40 stripes lacking 1 on the bare Back).
5. That Man that shall snap his Arms, or smoak Tobacco in the Hold, without a Cap to his pipe, or carry a Candle lighted without a Lanthorn, shall suffer the same Punishment as in the former Article.
6. That Man that shall not keep his Arms clean, fit for an Engagement, or neglect his Business, shall be cut off from his Share and suffer other such Punishment as the Captain and the Company shall think fit.
7. If any Man shall lose a Joint in time for an Engagement he shall have 400 Pieces of Eight; if a limb 800.
8. If at any time you meet with a prudent Woman that Man that offers to meddle with her without her consent shall suffer present Death.

~ by the hand of ~

Captain John Phillips
of the Revenge



Reprinted as written these articles, duly written out, each member of the crew was required to swear to them with his hand on the Bible. As no Bible was likely to be at hand, the oath might be taken on a hatchet as being the next best thing!

Twenty Fourth CORONATION-

O V E R T U R E OKALOOSA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
- William Creekmore, Conductor
- Harry Thomson, Concert Master

G R E E T I N G S Bob Kay, MASTER OF CEREMONIES

banished from Atlantis - led back across the Atlantic by
the Sea Nymph to the Caribbean - 'tis longboats to shore

KREWE OF 1977

CHILDREN OF THE COURT

FIRST MATE & HIS MISTRESS

CAPTAIN BILLY BOWLEGS XXIII & QUEEN

THE WAY WE WERE Sea Nymph, Barby Linnen



Buccaneer Booty

Q U E E N ' S A W A R D S Queen Kay
(Best Costumes)

PIRATE WENCH'S DANCE Elizabeth Cain

F I R S T M A T E ' S A W A R D S
(Best decorated boats) First Mate, Charles A. Born III



WENCH AUCTION "YO, HO, A PIRATE'S LIFE FOR ME!"

(By permission Pirates of The Caribbean courtesy of Disneyworld, Disney Enterprises)

STAGE CRAFTERS'
Carousel Chorus

William Bender

Pam Abney

Jim Lively

Rosie Rakocy

Eddie Emmons

Ann Faulkner

Norman Cohn

Theresa Coates

Scott Mitchell

Donna Bridgford

Walt Monteith

Elizabeth Cain

PARADE AWARDS Bob Gates, Parade Chairman

LIMBO SURPRISE James Barnes



BUCCANEER BALLADEER Walt Richardson

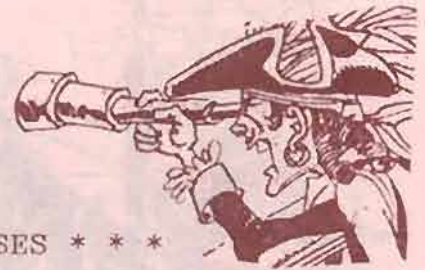
'78 HONOR GUARD

SHIP'S ORCHESTRA Okaloosa Symphony

'78 HONOR GUARD

SHIP'S VOCALIST Barby Linnen





* * * PRESENTATION OF THE PRINCESSES * * *

MISS CONNIE JO BLACKWELL

..... daughter of Mr. William B. Blackwell
and Ms. Jo Ann Blackwell

MISS KENDA BOLES

..... daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Boles

MISS SUSAN JILL DEWRELL

..... daughter of Mr. J. LaDon Dewrell

MISS CARMELLA FRANCES HARBESON

..... daughter of Mr. & Mrs. William B.
Harbeson III

MISS LISA JEAN LONG

..... daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Clifford H. Long

MISS JULIA MARKHAM

..... daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Robert Markham

MISS GLORIA GILBERT PRITCHARD

..... daughter of Major General (retired)
& Mrs. Gilbert L. Pritchard

MISS KARNISE DIANN SCHWEIZER

..... daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Arthur F. Schweizer

MISS KENYA THOMPSON

..... daughter of Dr. & Mrs. William W. Thompson

MISS PAULINE MARIE WARRINER

..... daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Allen L. Warriner

MISS ADAIR WHITE

..... daughter of Dr. & Mrs. Henry Clay White, Jr.

"SERENADE" Keith Hines

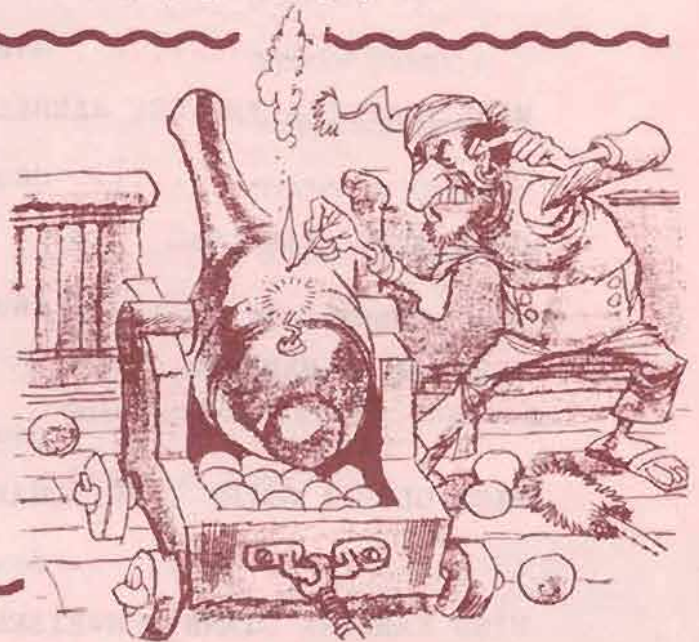


BUCCANEER'S BASH Chorus

VOODOO PRIESTESS Elizabeth Cain

CHILDREN OF THE COURT 1978

FIRST MATE & MISTRESS



CAPTAIN BILLY BOWLEGS XXIX

AND HIS QUEEN

CORONATION

..... Coronation guests are cordially invited to approach the new Captain Billy Bowlegs, his Queen and Court, to extend their congratulations following the ceremony and prior to the Coronation Ball

COURT OF 1978



Captain Billy Bowlegs XXIII William B. Harbeson, III

..... is the son of Frances P. Harbeson and the late William B. Harbeson, Jr., and is a native of Fort Walton Beach. He graduated from Marion Military Institute and attended the University of Florida. He is president of the Harbeson Agency and Jackson Land Co., a realtor and past-chairman of the Professional Standards Committee of the Fort Walton Beach Board of Realtors. He has served as a member of the Fort Walton Beach Library and Golf Course boards and was a director of the Fort Walton Beach Housing Authority. He served two terms as member of the County Election Commission and served as a director of the Greater Fort Walton Beach Chamber of Commerce. He is active in outdoor sports, a life member of the National Rifle Association and a member of the Miracle Strip Bassmasters and the Fort Walton Beach Sailfish Club. Bill is also President-Elect of the Chamber of Commerce.

Captain Billy and his wife, Mickey, a member of the Society of Queens, live in Mary Esther with their daughters, Terri and Melli.

Queen - Kay Stokes

..... born in Youngstown, Ohio, Kay came to Fort Walton Beach in 1958. She is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Ralph DeFabio of Austintown, Ohio. She is a past member of the Junior Service League and served as its provisional chairman. A graduate of Warren Trumbull Memorial School of Nursing, she also attended the University of Alabama at Birmingham and completed the pediatric nurse practitioner program. She worked at White-Wilson Clinic as a registered nurse for over 14 years. She is a member of St. Mary's and St. Peter's Catholic Churches. Kay has currently completed courses in creative writing and other literature courses at Okaloosa-Walton Junior College. Her hobbies are her family, friends and her church.

Queen Kay and her husband, James Randell (Randy) Stokes, have four children - Judy, Jenny, Janet and J.R. The family lives in Mary Esther.



First Mate ~ Charles A. Born, III

..... a native of northwest Florida, Charlie received a B.A. from the University of The South, Sewanee, Tennessee. He served with the U.S. Army and has been employed with Monsanto, General Electric, Booz-Allen Applied Research, Inc. and currently serves as a senior publications project manager for Oklahoma State University Field Office, Eglin AFB. He is active in St. Simons-on-the-Sound Episcopal Church and the Fort Walton Beach Chamber of Commerce. He has served on the Krewe's Board of Directors as a member and 1st vice-president, member of the Honor Guard and numerous committees. Active in his community, Charlie has served as an officer of Elliotts Point Elementary School (PTO), Meigs Junior High School Booster Club, the Air Force Association and the Krazy Eight Big Game Hunter's Association.

Barbara Born, a graduate of FSU, is a kindergarten teacher at Elliotts Point School. She and First Mate, Charlie, have two sons, Charles IV and Christopher. They reside in Fort Walton Beach on Yacht Club Drive.

Honor Guard -

These salty, good and sturdy 'ten, the "inside men" of the Krewe, are listed alphabetically so that, among peers, all are equal and should be given recognition along with their "wenches"

..... WILLIAM E. BAGLEY

Ed, born in Birmingham, Alabama, grew up in Jasper, Alabama. He attended Auburn University before entering the Army Air Corps - he served in the military for 25 years, seeing combat in New Guinea, Philippines, Indo-China, Korea and Vietnam. He is a member of the First United Methodist Church, the Retired Officers' Club, the Air Force Association, Fort Walton Yacht Club and is currently serving as President, Greater Fort Walton Beach Chamber of Commerce. He is married to the former Kathryn Fitzgerald and they have nine children and nine grandchildren - the latest being Ed's first granddaughter!

..... ROBERT J. BAUMAN

Bob, formerly of Benton Harbor, Michigan, attended Michigan State University and moved to this area in 1962. He and his wife, Liz, live in Mary Esther. Daughter, Lynda Sturgis, is a recent bride and son, Steve, is a student at the University of Southern Alabama.

..... WOODARD E. DAVIS

Major General USAF (retired), is a native of Selma, Alabama. He is a former commander of the Tactical Air Warfare Center, Eglin AFB. He attended Auburn University, University of Maryland, University of Munich, West Germany, the Air Tactical School and the Air University. He entered the military in 1942 and served 33 years, including assignments in Europe, Asia and the United States. He holds 32 military decorations.... "Woody" is a Baptist, member of AFA, American Security Council, Retired Officers, Fort Walton Beach Chamber of Commerce, Daedalians, Shrine Club, Scottish Rite Lodge, Auburn Alumni Association, Rod and Gun Club, U.S. Power Squadron and American Water Ski Association.

He and his wife, Wanda, live in Shalimar. They have two children - Woodard E., III and Debra Ann.

..... ROBERT K. GIBSON

Bob is a native of Fort Walton Beach, son of Silas Gibson, an area pioneer. He owns and operates a water well drilling business. He served as an Air Force pilot in World War II. When he was a member of the Jaycees, he was one of the founders of the Billy Bowlegs Festival. He is married to the former Janice Moore of Dozier, Alabama. They have two daughters, Donna and Genese, and they live on Country Club Avenue. The family are members of the First Baptist Church.

..... GILBERT L. PRITCHARD

Major General USAF (retired), was born in South Dakota and grew up in Los Angeles. He is a graduate of the University of Southern California and received his wings and commission in 1940. He served in World War II, Korea and Vietnam and was Commandant of the Command and Staff School at Maxwell AFB, Alabama. He also commanded the Iceland Defense Force. He activated the Special Air Warfare Center at Hurlburt and also the Tactical Air Warfare Center at Eglin and was its first commander... "Gil" is also a graduate of the Army Parachute Jump School, Ft Benning, Georgia. He retired in 1966 and since that time, has served in many community

capacities including the Boy Scout Council, airport and industrial commission and on several Chamber of Commerce committees. For the past 8 years, he has been a member of the Board of Directors of the First Federal Savings & Loan Association. His favorite pastime is bill fishing in the Gulf.

He is married to the former Gloria Yost of Montgomery and they have four daughters - Judy, Gibby, Cathy and Lori.

..... TOMMY RAY

is Chief of Police, Fort Walton Beach and has held this position since 1972. He was born in Pensacola and lived there his entire life except for the four years he served in the U.S. Marine Corps. He is married to the former Mary Margaret Ellison of Pensacola and they have three children - Thomas Lee, Timothy and Tamara.

Tommy is a member of St. Simon's-on-the-Sound Episcopal Church. He has completed numerous courses in criminology and police supervision, the 500-hour law enforcement course sponsored by the Fla Dept of Education and the criminal law sequence of Northwestern University School of Law. He is active in the Fort Walton Beach Chamber of Commerce and has previously been active in many civic clubs as well as managing a little league baseball club and working with Boy Scouts. He is chairman of the OWJC Police Advisory Committee on law enforcement. His hobbies are hunting, fishing and golf.

..... ROBERT SAXER

Doctor Saxer has lived in Fort Walton Beach for the past 12 years. He is a pediatrician at White-Wilson Medical Center. Bob attended Georgetown University, Washington, D.C. and St. Louis Medical School. He completed his pediatrics training at Fitzsimmons General Hospital in Denver, Colorado. He has been president of the County Cancer Society, Medical Society Chairman of the County Hospital Board of Trustees and is at present a trustee at General Hospital.

Dr. and Mrs. Saxer have five children - Madelyn, Robert, Kathleen, Christopher and Michael. He and wife, Joyce, and family enjoy all types of water sports but his main interests are sailing, scuba diving and mountain climbing. One of his latest adventures was to climb Mt. McKinley!

..... ART SCHWEIZER

"Art" moved to Fort Walton Beach in 1952 from Lamar, Indiana. He served in the USAF during the Korean War. He is married to the former Joan A. Hertzing and the couple's three children are Jeff, Karnise (one of this year's Princesses) and Todd.

Art is a member of the Rotary Club, past director of the Fort Walton Yacht Club, and was a FWB City Councilman for five years. He is a member of the FWB Chamber of Commerce, an elder of the Shalimar Presbyterian Church and a member and past director of the Downtown Merchant's Association. He is a Mason, Scottish Rite, a member of Hadji Temple in Pensacola and a member of the FWB Shrine Club.

His hobbies include golf, hunting and fishing.

..... WILLIAM H. TINSLEY

"Herb" is Executive Vice-President and a member of the Board of Directors of First Federal Savings & Loan Association of Okaloosa County. He was born in Missouri and attended the University of Missouri where he received both bachelor's and master's degrees in finance and banking. He is a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity and is still active in fraternity alumni affairs.... Herb served as an Air Force officer and was assigned at Hurlburt Field where he was named "Outstanding Supply Officer for 1969", and was also selected to appear in the 1970 edition of "Outstanding Young Men of America". He serves on the Insurance and Protective Committee for the U.S. League of Savings Associations and is President-elect of the Rotary Club. He serves on the Board of the County Red Cross, the United Way and the Fort Walton Beach Chamber of Commerce.

He is married to the former Amaryllis E. Rentz. They have one son, Kent, and live on Pocahontas Drive in Fort Walton Beach.

..... ALLEN L. WARRINER

Allen was born in New Orleans and has lived in Fort Walton Beach for 26 years. He is a member of the Chamber of Commerce and the Leaseholders Association. He owns and operates Santa Rosa Motel Apartments on the Island. Married to the former Kathleen Stephens of Panama City, they live in Mary Esther with their three daughters, Penny, Kay and Susan.

STEPHEN ARROWSMITH
..... Capt Billy's Sword Bearer

ENGER CLEMENTS & TRACY AMIEL
..... Queen's Train Bearers

WILLIAM VAN PARKER
..... Billy's Medallion Bearer

DANIELLE FALLIN
..... Queen's Medallion Bearer

RACHAEL HUDDLESTON
.....Queen's Crown Bearer



Society of Bowlegs ~ and Society of Queens ~



I	NATHAN FLEET	... Dian Sloat
II	JOHN COX	... Mellie Jo Peacock
III	ROGER CLARY	... Shelia Lewis
IV	DOCIE BASS	... Katherine Tringas
V	FINLEY DUNCAN	... Alex Patton
VI	THOMAS BROOKS (deceased)	... Bettye Williams
VII	WILLIAM ROBERTS	... Jean Long
VIII	HILARY STEWART (deceased)	... Agnes Bass
IX	WILSON MINGER	... Carol Duncan
X	DR. HENRY C. WHITE, JR.	... Ella Clary
XI	WINSTON WALKER	... "Sug" Brown
XII	DR. MALCOLM CROTZER	... Boota' Walker
XIII	H. FRENCH BROWN, JR.	... Carolyn Crotzer
XIV	JUDGE ERWIN FLEET	... "Neen" Gill
XV	MAURICE McLAUGHLIN	... Mary Ellen Ricks
XVI	JIM KENDRICK	... Lynne Mathews
XVII	CLIFFORD H. LONG	... Dot Buchanan
XVIII	ROBERT L. MORRISON (deceased)	... Jo Fleet
XIX	JOE GUIDRY	... Helen Kendrick
XX	G.V. PARDUE	... Tena McLaughlin
XXI	DR. WILLIAM WEST THOMPSON	... Mickey Harbeson
XXII	ROY L. RICKS	... Betty Eyrich
XXIII	WILLIAM B. HARBESON III	... Kay Stokes



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Credits



CORONATION PAGEANT COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN Bob Blizzard
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SET DESIGN; PROGRAM DESIGN Jim Kendrick
MUSICAL ARRANGEMENTS William Creekmore
James Lee
CHOREOGRAPHY Elizabeth Cain
MUSICAL ENSEMBLE Piano, James Lee
Guitar, Raymond Kruzek
Drums, Daniel Vickers
STAGE SET CONSTRUCTION Denzil Robbins, Chairman
AND CREW 1977 Honor Guard;
Board Members &
Members of the Krewe
COSTUMES Men: Clarence, Murray's Costumers,
New Orleans
New Queen's Costume:
Concept and
Fabrication - Ruth and Tom Lenrep,
Natchez, Mississippi
Ladies of the Court and
Children of the Court:
Concept - Jim Kendrick
Fabrication - J. C. Hamby
Fabrics - "Florida Fabric"
LIGHTS & SOUND Stage Crafters Community Theatre, Inc.
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Stage Crew: Patrick Durning, Marty
Cohn, James McArdle, Jr.
MAKE UP Bev Bain
Fran Hebert
PROGRAM TYPING & COORDINATION Alyce Ankney
USHERS Fort Walton Beach
High School
Air Force Jr. ROTC
Cadets

..... The Krewe of Bowlegs extends its thanks to the many
unsung individuals that have played a part in making the Festival
and the many scheduled activities such a great success each year.
They wish all well until next time for the gala celebration of
the Krewe's TWENTY-FIFTH SILVER ANNIVERSARY!

