



Captain's Message

Welcome to the 53rd Annual Krewe of Bowlegs Coronation Pageant. As this year's Pirate Uprising gives way to a new year, we can take pride in our organization and the members who give so much of their time, talent and energy to make the Krewe an important part of our community. It has been an honor to serve as Captain this year. I am truly grateful to all of you who have participated to make this year a success.

To Queen Beverly and her husband, Joey, thank you for your long time friendship and support. Beverly's grace and charm have made her a wonderful representative of the Krewe. Beverly and Joey have been extremely dedicated to making this year one full of great memories.

My sincere appreciation to First Mate and First Mistress Mark and Ashley Siner, who have engineered the B-52's through the Pirate Uprising. Their wealth of knowledge and assistance to Beverly and me, the Honor Guard and the Krewe have kept us organized and always ready for the next event. Mark and Ashley are what Bowlegs is all about.

As this year's Honor Guard, the B-52's, come in for a landing, let me thank each one of them for their commitment and participation. We have all made friendships that will last a lifetime. I hope you have enjoyed being part of the Pirate Uprising!

To the Board of Directors, the Officers, and event chairmen, thanks for making each and every event a success. Special recognition goes to Jim Roberson, whose "not a problem, I ve got it handled" attitude upon each request made of him is a tribute to his dedication to Bowlegs. To Mike Wallace, Van Cogley, Mert Wagner and T.C. Herman, thank you for the many hours of behind the scenes work you did.

My heartfelt thanks goes to Jeannie Roberts. Jeannie does so much for the Krewe year after year. Even after being a Gueen and a lackey, she continues to give countless hours of her time to Bowlegs. I know she didn't think she would be taking care of yet another Gaptain!

Finally, to Captain Billy LIII, his Queen, First Mate and Mistress, Honor Guard and Court, best wishes for a memorable year. Carry on the fun traditions of the Krewe of Bowlegs.

In Preservation of Piracy,

Michael Gates

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Michael Gates Captain Billy Bowlegs, L11



Captain Billy Bowlegs LII, Michael Gates, is a partner in the law firm of Cotton, Gates, and Cotton, and an owner of Choctaw Title, Inc. in Shalimar. He is a life long resident of Ft. Walton Beach. Mike is a graduate of Choctawhatchee High School, Okaloosa Walton Junior College, and Florida State University, where he majored in government. He received his Juris Doctorate Degree in 1982 from the FSU College of Law, where he was the college's representative to the American Bar Association.

Michael's community involvement includes service on the Board of Directors of the Bridgeway Center, Inc., the Okaloosa-Walton Community College Foundation and the Okaloosa Public Schools Foundation. He is past president of the Okaloosa-Walton Bar Association, the Montessori Learning Center of Ft. Walton Beach and the Playground Area YMCA. Michael is a member of the Greater Fort Walton Beach Chamber of Commerce (past chairman of the Hosts Council) and the Chamber's

Military Affairs Committee. He is also a mentor in the Okaloosa Public Schools Foundation Take Stock in Children program.

Michael has been a member of the Krewe since 1984. He was on the Honor Guards of Bill Nelson, Captain Billy Bowlegs XXXIV and Queen Ginny Barr; and Chuck Ingram, Captain Billy Bowlegs XLI and Queen Marie Johnson. He has served on the Board of Directors of the Krewe or as an officer for several years.

Mike has two children. Sarah is a sophomore at Choctawhatchee High School where she is on the year-book staff, the Historian of FCA, and President of the Art Honor Club. Mary is a 7th grader at Meigs Middle School where she is on the dance team. Sarah has been a child of the Court for Kathleen Dlabal, Queen XLIII, and her mother, Anita Gates, Queen XLV. Mary was on the Court for Lynne Amiel, Queen XLVI, and her mother, Anita Gates, Queen XLV. Mike and his daughters are members of St. Simon's Episcopal Church.

Beverly Crews Queen of Bowlegs, L11

Queen Beverly Crews is a native of the Ft. Walton Beach area and the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Lloyd Waldorff. She is a graduate of Choctawhatchee High School. She earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Risk Manage-

ment and Insurance from Florida State University. While at Florida State she was an active member of Delta Delta Delta Sorority. She has been a Licensed Florida Insurance Agent for sixteen years.

Beverly stays active as a group fitness instructor and mother of her two boys Clay, 13 and Cole, 8. Clay attends Meigs Middle School and was on the Children of the Court for Captain Billy Bowlegs XLVIII Jeff McInnis and Queen Kathy Ray. Cole attends Shalimar Elementary School and was on the Children of the Court for Captain Billy Bowlegs XLIX Frank Robbins and Queen Alexis Tibbetts.

Beverly is married to Joey Crews. Joey is a graduate of Florida State University. He holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering and is a Florida Licensed Professional Engineer. He is the Project Manager for Environmental Services Group. He is a member of the All Sports Association and Meigs Middle School Booster Club. He enjoys coaching his boys various sports activities.

Beverly and Joey were on the Honor Guard of Captain Billy Bowlegs XLVII Tom Dlabal and

Queen Jeannie Roberts. They are residents of Shalimar and are members of Shalimar United Methodist Church.

Queen Beverly's dress and train were created by Karen Thorton of Mobile, Alabama. Her two piece dress is made of garnet lace over gold satin. The straight neckline of the bodice dips low in the back and is trimmed at the neck and bottom with a scallop edge adorned with crystals. The teardrop shaped rhinestone straps on the bodice also line her 5 petal collar. The collar is covered in lace and encrusted with handset rhinestones and crystal jewels. A small crown with crystals encrusted in gold adorns her head.

Her twelve foot train is made of garnet duppioni silk and bordered with gold sequin trim in a semi-scrolled pattern. A black ghost ship representing the Spirit of the Blackhawk with the B52 pirate skull encompasses the center of the train. Hand set garnet and gold crystals cover the ship and skull. The bottom of the train is adorned with thirteen gold coins symbolizing the monograms of Beverly's husband, children, college, sorority, honor guard letters, Bowlegs crest and B52 skulls.



Mark & Ashley Siner First Mate and First Mistress, L11



Mark Siner and his wife, Ashley, live in Shalimar, and served this year as First Mate and First Mistress for Captain Billy Bowlegs 52, Mike Gates.

Mark and Ashley joined the Krewe in 1998 and served on the Honor Guard of Captain Billy Bowlegs XLV, Dick Roberts, and his Queen, Anita Gates.

Mark is president and owner of Choctaw Engineering, Inc. He grew up in the Washington, D.C. area and attended Clemson University, where he received a bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering. He is also a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity. Prior to moving to the Fort Walton Beach area, he worked in both Tallahassee and Orlando for the engineering firm of Post Buckley Shue & Jernigan. Mark has served on the Board of Directors of the Boys and Girls Club of the Emerald Coast and the All Sports Association. He has also served on the Board of Directors for the Krewe of Bowlegs for several years.

Ashley was born in England, but has spent most of her life in the Fort Walton Beach area. She is the daughter of Dan and Bobbi Nelson, First Mate and Mistress XLVIII. She is a graduate of Niceville High School and has a bachelor's degree from the University of Florida, where she was a member of Alpha Delta Pi sorority. Ashley met Mark in Orlando, where she was the Director of Catering and Convention Services for Hyatt and she is now the Director of Human Resources for the local family owned Taco Bell franchise. She is a sustaining member of the Junior League of the Emerald Coast, where she served on the Executive Board for two year. She is also a past President of PATHS for Liza Jackson Preparatory School.

The Siners have two fantastic pirate children – both born during Bowlegs Festival Week. Cooper, 8, was the First Mate's Sombrero Bearer for his Gramps, Dan Nelson and was the First Mate's Treasure Map Bearer for his Dad this year. He is involved in many sports including soccer, baseball, golf, tennis, swimming and snow skiing down black diamond slopes. Bentley, 6, was the Queen's Medallion Bearer for Captain Billy Bowlegs LI, Keith Amiel, and his Queen, Debbie Buchanan and she is currently the First Mistress's Chihuahua Bearer for her Mom. Bentley is an animal lover of all types – big and small. She is ready to follow in Dr. Phil Blumer's footsteps.



B-52 Honor Guard

Ben & Charlotte Boyt



Ben originally hails from Prague, Czech Republic. After high school in Chicago and a four year stint in the U.S. Air Force, he attended and graduated from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Daytona Beach. He worked as a flight instructor, corporate and airline pilot. He has resided in this area since 1972. After retiring from airline flying, he obtained his Florida real estate and broker's license. Ben enjoys "hard outdoor labor", bicycling and hiking in the Rockies.

Charlotte was born and raised in Mississippi. She is a graduate of the University of Southern Mississippi and holds a BS in elementary education. She is a sustaining member of the Junior League of the Emerald Coast, past president of the Tri Delta Alumnae Association, member of Panhellenic, Republican Women's Club, the IB Board at Choctawhatchee High School and several other organizations. She has worked the past 29 years as a flight attendant and enjoys traveling, tennis, reading, and entertaining friends.

Ben and Charlotte have one son, Will, 15, who is a freshman at Choctaw.

Dennis & Sherri Chavez

Dennis and Sherri Chavez have been residents of Fort Walton Beach since 1991. Dennis moved to Niceville in 1977 when his father was stationed at Eglin AFB. He graduated from Niceville High School in 1983. Sherri grew up in Bristol, Florida. The two met while attending college in Tallahassee. Dennis attended FAMU earning a masters degree in Architecture. Sherri attended Tallahassee Community College and completed a BS in Elementary Education from UWF.

After returning to the area, Dennis worked with several area architects before starting his own firm with friend, Joe Dougherty in 1996. The firm of Dougherty and Chavez Architects is located in Destin. They specialize in commercial and residential design. Dennis has been involved in the local Boys and Girls Club, serving as president in 2001. He is also an active member of the All Sports Association, serving as president in 2006/07. Sherri has been a teacher at Longwood Elementary School in Shalimar since 1997. They are active members of FUMC of Fort Walton Beach. The couple has two children, Reid, 11 and Blake, 7.



Byron & Julie Cotton

Byron Cotton grew up in Shalimar and is a graduate of Choctaw High School. He received a Bachelor of Science in Criminology from Florida State University and a Juris Doctor from Cumberland School of Law in Birmingham in 1999. He is an attorney with Cotton, Gates and Cotton in Shalimar, working with his father Ernest 'Buddy' Cotton and Captain Billy 52 Mike Gates. Byron is also co-owner of Choctaw Title Company, with locations in Shalimar and Crestview. He is an Okaloosa County Teen Court volunteer. He enjoys hunting, fishing and scuba diving.

His wife Julie was raised in Gulfport, Mississippi. She graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in public relations from Spring Hill College in Mobile, Alabama where she was a member of Phi Mu sorority. She is Vice President of Marketing for developer Legendary, Inc. in Destin. Julie served as President of the Junior League of the Emerald Coast in 2006-2007 and is an America Heart Association volunteer and is active in the Destin Chamber of Commerce and Destin Harbor Association.



Jim & Cindy Cravey



Jim and Cindy Cravey met in 2001 and following Jim's retirement in 2005 from Alabama Farmer's Federation, they were married. Jim is a graduate and strong supporter of Auburn University where he serves on the Agriculture Alumni Board and is Chairman of the Dean's Advisory Council. He is a member of the Board of Directors of Eagle Aquaculture and Board member of Falcon Protein. He and his brother Albert own the Wildcat Creek Hunting and Fishing Lodge near Florala, Alabama. Jim serves on the Board of Directors for the Ben Gordon Visitation Center.

Cindy is a Mississippi native and has lived in the area since 1972. She attended Mississippi University for Women and received her Bachelor of Science degree in Education from the University of Southern Mississippi. She is currently retired from the Okaloosa County School District after 30 years of teaching. She is a member of Alpha Delta Kappa and is a sustaining member of the Junior League.

Jim and Cindy have 2 children and 4 grandchildren. Chad and Maggie Cravey of Madison, Ms. are parents of Blake and Mary Ellis. Ashley and Will Gregory live in Birmingham, Al, and are parents of twin boys, Harris and Henry. Jim and Cindy are members of Shalimar United Methodist Church. They enjoy family, friends and traveling.

Aaron & Nikki Deal



Aaron and Nikki Deal were both born and raised in Fort Walton Beach and married on July 5, 2004. Aaron attended the University of Florida on a football scholarship and later attended the University of Tennessee/Chattanooga. He is presently a local real estate developer.

Nikki received a tennis scholarship to Troy State University, where she graduated with a degree in marketing. She is currently selling real estate with The Beach Group in Santa Rosa Beach. The Deals attend First Baptist Church in Fort Walton Beach.

Joe & Catherine Garvie

Joe Garvie is the grandson of Capt. Billy IV, Theo 'Docie' Bass, and Queen VIII, Agnes Staff Bass, and son of Bill and Martha Garvie, Honor Guard XLVI. He is a graduate of James Madison University with a degree in Marketing and George Mason University with an MBA in Corporate Finance. Joe co-owns a general contracting company, GLC Contracting, Inc., that specializes in commercial construction. Before working in construction he was a senior financial analyst for Edwin Watts Golf. Joe is a member of the All Sports Association.

Catherine Garvie is a native of Montgomery, Alabama and has lived in the area since 2000. She is a graduate of Auburn University with a degree in Finance. Prior to moving to the area, she worked in Birmingham, AL for five years as a Risk Manager at The Children's Hospital of Alabama and then for three years as an Underwriter for Travelers Insurance Company. She currently works as a Commercial Insurance Agent for Southern Coastal Insurance Agency, a division of Whitney National Bank. Catherine is a member of the Junior League of the Emerald Coast.

The couple is celebrating their sixth anniversary this year. They have two sons, Penton, 5, and Will, 2, and reside in Shalimar.



Jay & Jeri Chosh

Jay and Jeri Ghosh have been residents of the area since 1989 and joined the Krewe of Bowlegs in 2001. Jay is self employed as a stock broker and financial planner with Questar Capital. An avid sports fan, Jay has particular interest in tennis, football, golf and baseball. Jeri has been employed by the Department of the Air Force as a civilian for 19 years and currently works as the Technical Director of the 46th Test Wing's Range Support Squadron. With a strong belief in giving back to their local community, the couple is very active supporting a variety of local non-profit organizations and humanitarian efforts. Jay currently serves as the Honorary Commander to the 86th Fighter Weapons Squadron and is an active member of the All Sports Association. Together they actively support fundraising efforts for local Habitat for Humanity affiliates, American Heart Association, American Cancer Society and Shelter House. The Shalimar couple will celebrate their 15th wedding anniversary this year. Their household remains divided when it comes to college football: UGA versus GT.



Jason and Amanda Negron



Jason and Amanda Negron returned to the Emerald Coast three years ago after Jason obtained his juris doctorate at Stetson University College of Law. Jason received his bachelor's degree in English from University of Florida. Amanda received her bachelor's degree in Public Relations from the University of Florida. They both graduated from the IB program at Choctaw High School. Jason is the son of Dr. Eddie and Patricia Negron and was a 1996-97 Bowlegs Privateer. He is an attorney with the firm of Fleet, Spencer and Kilpatrick, P.A. He is a member of the Okaloosa- Walton Bar Association, the Florida Bar, Estate Planning Council of the Emerald Coast, Fort Walton Beach Rotary Club, National Committee on Planned Giving, and the NW Florida Planned Giving Council. Amanda is a mortgage broker with ABC Mortgage. She is a member of Junior League and the Florida Association of Mortgage Brokers. Jason and Amanda attend Shalimar United Methodist Church. They were high school sweethearts, married now 6 years with two daughters: Isabella, 2, and Sofia, 5 months.

Steven & Paulette Peterson



Steven and Paulette moved to the Emerald Coast in 2001, after purchasing Shalimar Yacht Basin. Steve, from the St. Joseph, Montana area, is a true river boater turned salty. With a childhood of his father owning a boat manufacturing company and boat house. Steve has a love for the water. He has three children of his own and eight grandchildren who are all active boaters, keep Pa-Pa busy.

Paulette, born and raised in Hollywood, Florida, and avid sailor in her own right, met Steve on a bow of a boat and they have been together seven years. Relocating from the Atlanta area, Paulette has completed her associate broker period for Florida and has opened up Shalimar Yacht Brokerage.

Steve and Paulette have been heavily involved with the Emerald Coast Foundation and the A.B.W.A., supporting Poker-Runs, Magic Mile, Ski Shows, Beach Ball, Boat-In Movie Theater and other boating activities.

Josh & Illy Reiker

Josh and Illy Reiker both received bachelor's degrees from Troy State University. Josh, the son of Nancy Simpkins and Ken Reiker, grew up in Fort Walton Beach. He returned to the area after college to work as the Vice President of Operations of Reiker Room Conditioners.

Illy obtained her law doctorate from the University of Georgia and is in private practice at Roper and Reiker, P.A., in Crestview. Illy serves as secretary for the North Okaloosa Performing Arts Association. Josh and Illy attend First United Methodist Church in Fort Walton Beach.



Krewe of Bowlegs LII

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Act I A Pirate Uprising

Prelude

Emcee: Tom Conner

Captain Billy Bowlegs LII Michael Gates

First Mate & First Mistress LII Mark & Ashley Siner

> Queen of Bowlegs LII Beverly Crews

2006-2007 Princesses & Privateers

Hailey Buchanan Brittany Cahoon Laura Cilek Emily Cogley Elizabeth Dlabal Shawna Watson Zack Linn Bryan Mills Christopher Mills Trent Whitworth Matt Seaton

2006-2007 Children of the Court

Trevor Ard
Katie Balent
Will Boyt
Clay Crews
Cole Crews

Mary Gates Sarah Gates Kate Henderson Austin Keeler Larisa Salisbury Ashley Watts Heather Pappas
Nash Edwards
Bentley Siner
Cooper Siner
Preslee Tringas

2006-2007 Honor Guard

Ben & Charlotte Boyt
Dennis & Sherri Chavez
Byron & Julie Cotton
Jim & Cindy Cravey
Aaron & Nikki Deal

Joe & Catherine Garvie
Jay & Jeri Ghosh
Jason & Amanda Negron
Steve & Paulette Peterson
Josh & Illy Reiker

Act II

full Chrottle

Emcee: Ron Adams

Introduction of 2007-2008 Princesses and Privateers

Channing Burt
Chad Born
Christopher Buchanan
Hunter Campbell
Jordan Carter
Rebecca Chalker
Kathryn Crews
Josh Daily
Will Densmore

Spencer Jay
Lynnlee Massarelli
Chandler Riviezzo
Curtis Rood
Jarrod Schweizer
Joshua Schweizer
Whitney Schweizer
Amanda Sullivan
Danielle Tibbetts

Introduction of the 2007-2008 Honor Guard

Introduction of the 2007-2008 First Mate and First Mistress

Departure of the 2006-2007 First Mate and First Mistress

Introduction of the Children of the Court

Arrival of Captain Billy Bowlegs 53

Departure of Captain Billy Bowlegs 52 and His Queen

Arrival of Queen 53

The Unmasking of Captain Billy Bowlegs 53 and His Queen

Proclamation

Group Photography*

Recessional*

*Please remain Seated Until After Recessional

52 Behind The Scenes

CORONATION PAGEANT CHAIRMAN	Scott McCormick
CORONATION SET CONSTRUCTION CHAIRMAN	Ron Goodfellow
CORONATION PAGEANT STAGE DIRECTOR	
CORONATION PAGEANT BACKSTAGE DIRECTOR	
Script	
Music	
Program	Michael Gates, Beverly Crews, Mert Wagner
OWC Arts Center Director	Dr. Clifford Herron
OWC Technical Director	
OWC Assistant Technical Director	Clint Mahle

Krewe of Bowlegs LII Acknowledgements

CAPTAIN BILLY BOWLEGS LII COSTUME	
CAPTAIN BILLY'S HAT, PIN & BUCKLE	
Queen's Gown, Train & Collar	
Queen's Crown, Medallion & Earrings	
FIRST MATE & FIRST MISTRESS COSTUMES	
FIRST MATE HAT PIN & BELT BUCKLE	
First Mistress Earrings & Medallion	Barry Hoffman
Honor Guard Mens Costumes	Ms. Chong Cromwell, Assibang Alterations
Honor Guard Ladies Costumes	
Boys of the Court Costumes	
GIRLS OF THE COURT COSTUMES	
Honor Guard Men & Ladies Landing Costumes	
Princesses & Privateers Landing Costumes	
Honor Guard Ladies Jewelry	
52nd Logo Design	
Embroidery, Cape & Patch Design	
Program Printing	
Photo on Cover	
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Krew of Bowlegs LIII Acknowledgements

CAPTAIN BILLY BOWLEGS 53 COSTUME	Judy Green, Mobile, AL	
Queen's Gown, Train and Collar	Karen Thornton and Judy Green, Mobile, AL	
Queen's Crown, Medallion, Earrings & Scepter		
FIRST MATE AND FIRST MISTRESS 53 COSTUMES	Judy Green, Mobile, AL	
First Mistress Jewelry		
Honor Guard Costumes		
Honor Guard Ladies and COC Jewelry		
CHILDREN OF THE COURT COSTUMES	Ms. Chong Cromwell, Assibang Alterations	
53 Logo Design	Brian Rightely, Ft. Walton Beach, Florida	
Ex Officio Lackey	Jeannie Roberts	
Other Supporting Businesses	Josettes, Biloxi, MS,	
Ely's Fabric Warehouse, Mobile, AL, Stagecrafters, Mert Wagner, Fine Fotos; Stitch F/X, Gulf Reflections,		
Armstrong's Printing, A2Z Specialty Advertising, Simply Elegant; all of Ft. Walton Beach, Florida		
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HAILEY NOELLE BUCHANAN, a graduate of Choctawhatchee High School, is the daughter of David and Debbie Buchanan, Queen of Bowlegs LI and granddaughter of Dot Buchanan, Queen of Bowlegs XVII and Jim Buchanan, First Mate XVI.



Brittany Renee Cahoon, a graduate of Choctawhatchee High School, is the daughter of Steven and Debra Cahoon and the granddaughter of Phyllis Carter and the late Frederick J. Carter, Honor Guard XIII and XXIX.



LAURA ANN CILEK, a graduate of Lincoln High School in Tallahassee, Florida is the daughter of Robert and Mary Cilek and granddaugther of George and Barbara Cilek, Honor Guard XXIV.



EMILY ANN COGLEY, a graduate of Choctawhatchee High School, is the daughter of Van and Robyn Cogley, Honor Guard XLVII.



ELIZABETH MARIE DLABAL, a graduate of Choctawhatchee High School, is the daughter of Dr. Tom Dlabal, Captain Billy Bowlegs XLVII and Kathy Dlabal, Queen of Bowlegs, XLIII.



SHAWNA LEE WATSON, a graduate of Choctawhatchee High School, is the daughter of Ken and Nancy Watson, Honor Guard XLVI.



ZACHARY TUCKER LINN, a graduate of Fort Walton Beach High School, is the son of John and Sherrie Linn, Honor Guard XXXIX.



BRYAN JAMES MILLS, a graduate of Choctawhatchee High School, is the son of Randy and Lynn Mills, Honor Guard XLVIII.



CHRISTOPHER SHERWOOD MILLS, a graduate of Choctawhatchee High School, is the son of Randy and Lynn Mills, Honor Guard XLVIII.



MATTHEW DAVID SEATON, a graduate of Choctawhatchee High School, is the son of David and Shari Seaton and grandson of Phyllis Knaggs-Seaton, Honor Guard XXXI.



TRENTON DAVID WHITWORTH, a graduate of Choctawhatchee High School, is the son of Gary Whitworth and Tamara Ray and grandson of Thomas B. Ray, Captain Billy Bowlegs XVII and Margaret Ray.



2006-2007 CHILDREN OF THE COURT



From Left to Right:

COLE CREWS, son of Joey and Beverly Crews, Queen of Bowlegs LII, is the Captain's Spear Bearer.

COOPER SINER, son of Mark and Ashley Siner, First Mate & First Mistress LII, is the First Mate's Treasure Map Bearer.

CLAY CREWS, son of Joey and Beverly Crews, Queen of Bowlegs LII, is the Captain's Sword Bearer.

SARAH GATES, daughter of Michael Gates, Captain Billy Bowlegs LII and Anita Gates, Queen of Bowlegs XLV, is the Queen's Train Bearer.

MARY GATES, daughter of Michael Gates, Captain Billy Bowlegs LII and Anita Gates, Queen of Bowlegs XLV, is the Queen's Medallion Bearer.

BENTLEY SINER, daughter of Mark and Ashley Siner, First Mate & First Mistress LII, is the First Mistress's Chihuahua Bearer.

Front Row, From Left:

KATIE BALENT, daughter of Mark & Angela Balent, is the Queen's Feather Bearer.

Ashley Watts, daughter of John & Denise Watts, is the Queen's Crown Bearer.

HEATHER PAPPAS, daughter of Jeff & Jenny Pappas, is the Queen's Feather Bearer.

LARISA SALISBURY, daughter of Dr. Herbert Salisbury III & Dr. Elizabeth Michas, is the Queen's Treasure Chest Bearer.

Preslee Tringas, daughter of the late James Travis Tringas and Allison Tringas, is the Queen's War Paint Bearer.

AUSTIN KEELER, son of Jim & Kim Keeler, is the Captain's Medallion Bearer.



Back Row, From Left:

KATIE HENDERSON, daughter of Jody & Cheryl Henderson, is the Queen's Train Bearer.

WILL BOYT, son Ben & Charlotte Boyt, is the Captain's Proclamation Bearer.

Nash Edwards, son of the late Dale Edwards and Mary Riviezzo, is the Captain's Spyglass Bearer.

TREVOR ARD, son of Rob & Kathy Ard, is the Captain's Tomahawk Bearer.



KREWE HISTORY

William Augustus Bowles, a notorious old boy, so the legend goes, and patron pirate of the Billy Bowlegs' Festival and Krewe of Bowlegs was born in 1763 on the Maryland frontier. At the age of 13, he joined the Loyalists Corps to fight against the American rebels. Two years later he was sent to Pensacola to join the British forces. He was commissioned an ensign in the British navy at 16 years old. After the war he rebelled against military life, insulted a British officer and went into hiding with the Creek Indians (so the legend goes). He married a tribeswoman, a chief's daughter and in 1781 was welcomed back by the British to help battle the Spanish at Pensacola. During that time, the British, Spanish and the Americans were maneuvering for control of the Gulf Shores and its shipping lanes. Believing himself destined to command instead of obeying orders, Bowlegs gathered a force of a "couple of hundred plundering Indians, relics from the American Army and white bandits".

This rollicking piratical crew grew to be the concern of all three of the power hungry countries. Captain Billy 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 the British 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. He was eventually captured by the Spanish and shipped to Madrid, Spain. While being shipped to the Philippines, he jumped ship and returned to his "state" and great deeds of piracy. The Spanish imprisoned him in Cuba in the infamous Morro Castle and there on December 23rd, 1804 Captain Billy died at the age of 41.

Two centuries later, the memory of William Augustus Bowles lives on in the annual Billy Bowlegs celebration. To the Emerald Coast, Captain Billy left a heritage of pirate tales, great adventure and buried treasure!

The 1957 Bowlegs Festival souvenir program lists the original membership of 75 men. Today, many Bowlegs members are second generation pirates, carrying on the tradition set forth by their pirate fathers. Roger Clary, Captain Billy Bowlegs II, served as the first Captain Billy under an organized charter.

As indicated by the Constitution & Bylaws, Krewe membership is limited to 170, plus the former Captain Billys. Each Captain Billy automatically becomes a member of the Society of Bowlegs, otherwise known affectionately as our SOB's.

Hours of talented volunteer time, plus sizeable sums of money are expended each year by Krewe members and their wives. Colorful floats, beautiful decorations and numerous throws are utilized by the Krewe. Custom made costumes are worn during the parades, with souvenir trinkets, "gold" or "silver" doubloons and the crowd's favorite - cups!

A new captain Billy is selected each year from the Krewe membership by secret ballot. The past seven Billys are solely responsible for the secret nominations. Once the new Billy is selected, he chooses his Queen, First Mate & Mistress, ten Honor Guard couples and the Children of the Court. The identities of the entire court are kept secret until the elaborate Coronation Pageant.

The late Docie Bass, Captain Billy Bowlegs IV, was the first to select his Queen from the Krewe membership. Previously, the Queens were "captive wenches" and beauty contest winners. Past Queens belong to the Society of Queens and perform many functions including the annual tea for graduating senior girls and support the new Queen in other functions throughout the year.

Sons, grandsons, daughters and granddaughters of Krewe members that are graduating seniors from high school are also part of the court. These young ladies and gentlemen serve the court as Princesses and Privateers and are presented at the Coronation Pageant.

The Billy Bowlegs Pirate Festival is celebrated the first weekend in June each year. The community comes together to put on a colorful, but futile display of bravery in defense of a city destined to be overrun by pirates. The Skirmish on Friday night is followed by a full-fledged invasion of over 200 pirates and wenches at the Landing on Saturday. The victory celebration is topped off with the Torchlight parade the following Monday evening where adults and children are showered with booty amassed during a full year of pillaging and plundering.

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

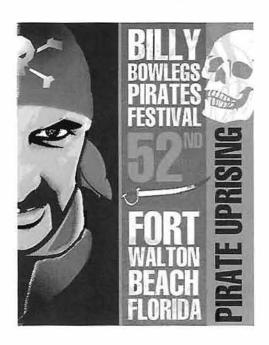
Society of Bowlegs and Queens

	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	Bettye 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. Malcolm 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) Kruzel	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	Denzel & Merle Robbins
XXVI	C. Walt Ruckel	Donna Trum	Frank & Mary Fisher
XXVII	Thomas B. Ray	Joan Schweizer	Dr. David & Judy Arrowsmith
XVIII	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 & Amaryllis Tinsley
XXXI	Dr. Alex D. Trum	Susan Johnson	Johnny & Marie Johnson
IIXXX	Ralph D. Fallin	Martha Kilpatrick	Harry & Virgina Barr
IIIXXX	James R. "Randy" Stokes	Beverly Anchors	Dr. Forrest & Sally Townsend
VIXXX	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
XXVII	James "Johnny" Johnson, III	Jean P. Blumer	Chuck & Gerry Ingram
IIIVXX	Harry Barr	Patricia B. Tringas	Sam & Lisa Burkett
XXXXX	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
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THANKS TO THE COMMUNITY



This year, the Krewe of Bowlegs celebrates its 52nd year of "Preserving Piracy" along the Emerald Coast. On behalf of Queen Beverly Crews, First Mate and Mistress, Mark and Ashley Siner, and the members of the Krewe of Bowlegs, thank you to all the people, businesses and organizations for their support of the Krewe and annual Billy Bowlegs Pirate Festival. The Festival is a culmination of countless people's time and effort with one common goal — to promote the community we live in.

Special thanks goes to the City of Fort Walton Beach, the Greater Fort Walton Beach Chamber of

Commerce, the Okaloosa Walton College Arts Center, the Northwest Florida Daily News, Gary Smith Ford, and our military friends at Eglin Air Force Base and Hurlburt Field for their support throughout the year. They truly make our community a better place to work and live.

Whether you are a resident or a visitor to our area, enjoy the experience of Festival Week by attending exciting events such as the Friday night Skirmish — complete with fireworks— the Boat Landing on Saturday— when the Krewe captures the city—and the Tourchlight Parade on Monday night. It will make you proud of our community!

In Preservation of Piracy, Michael Gates Captain Billy Bowlegs LII





