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**Discover Newport Announces Harbor Lights Newport Award Winners**

*Top honors were awarded in multiple categories for the inaugural event.*

Newport (R.I.) Sept. 23, 2019 – Discover Newport and the Newport Maritime Alliance announced today the winners of this year’s Harbor Lights Newport event which took place Friday, Sept. 20<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> from dusk until 10 p.m. both nights. Awards are as follows:

**Best Decorated Marina**

Newport Yacht Club

**Best Decorated Waterfront Business**

First Place: The Landing and The Lobster Bar

Second Place: Bowen’s Wharf

Third Place: Newport Harbor Hotel

**Best Decorated Boat on a Mooring**

First Place: Brilliant Deduction (Owner Philip Slocum)

Second Place: Gallop (Owners Dennis and Yvonne Ferreira)

Third Place: Tir Na Nog (Owner Kevin Callahan)

**Best Decorated Boat Winners: Newport Yacht Club**

First Place: Compass Rose (Owner William Varr)

Second Place: Howie (Owner Betsy Green)

Third Place: Shanty III (Owner Michael Paruta)

**Best Decorated Boat Winners: Bowen’s Wharf Marina**

First Place: Lady Gigi (Owner William Cannon)

Second Place: Sightsailing of Newport (Owner John Hirschler)

Third Place: Gansett (Owner Jeff O’Brien)

Best Decorated Boat Winners: Oldport Marine

First Place: Amazing Grace (Owner Mike Muessel)

Second Place: Tidal Wave (Owner Adam Walsh)

Third Place: Leo (Owner Lauren Walsh)

Best Decorated Boat Winners: The Marina at Newport Harbor Hotel

First Place: Tuff Ship (Owner Captain Dan O'Connell)

Second Place: Hunter (Owner Bill Hanlon)

Third Place: Irish Wake (Owner Ed Homer)

“We are grateful to those who rolled up their sleeves to participate this year and who showed their spirit. With their help and enthusiasm, we illustrated what an extraordinary treasure Newport Harbor is and how this event can continue to grow,” said Evan Smith, President and CEO of Discover Newport. “I offer my thanks and congratulations to all of the winners.”

**ABOUT DISCOVER NEWPORT**

Discover Newport is the official destination management organization (DMO) dedicated to promoting the City of Newport and the eight surrounding coastal townships in Newport and Bristol counties, Rhode Island. These include Barrington, Bristol, Jamestown, Little Compton, Middletown, Newport, Portsmouth, Tiverton and Warren. As a non-profit organization, Discover Newport partners with stakeholders throughout our tourism and hospitality industry to market the region as a premier destination for business and leisure travel.

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