



**Commodore Gary Gallinot**

**January 2019 From The Bridge**

**Ahoy Mates,**

Happy New Year to you all. We all wish you all the best in 2019.

Exciting things are happening at HIYC. In 2018 we grew our club to 156 members, we went to online notifications of all club activities, we started a new and updated web-site with club schedules, club news, forms, community and boating news, as well as photos and videos of all of our club events. And we had some amazing events last year.

With growth comes change. As a result, we are no longer able to use Harbour Island's Club House for HIYC events. As we begin our Silver Anniversary, 25th year of HIYC, I want to thank Harbour Island's Association for letting us use their facilities for the past 24 years. I also want to thank the founding members of our Harbour Island Yacht Club. Without them, and the creation of our club, many of us would not have met, and created the lasting friendships that we have today. In general, Yacht Clubs have become more social than boating clubs. Many of our members do not own boats. As such our clubs have been a place where neighbors meet neighbors, and become friends, at fun social events.

Your Bridge and Board met and decided that we are going to maintain HIYC, as in the past. Our club has always been different from other clubs as we do not have our own stand-alone facility. The majority of our events are held at outside locations. That is why our membership dues are so inexpensive compared to other clubs. HIYC is a member of the Southern California Yachting Association which gives you reciprocals with other yacht clubs throughout the world. This is a great benefit in and of itself.

HIYC will continue to have fun events at some new locations within and around our Harbor. I want to introduce you to your new 2019 Bridge:

**Commodore Greg Shank**  
**Vice-Commodore Jeff Howe**  
**Rear Commodore Tammy Ennis**  
**Jr. Staff Commodore Gary Gallinot**

Our first event of 2019 will be our:

**Dues and Schmooze / Change of Watch event.** This year we combined this event and it will be held at the **Tower Club, Thursday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 – 8 pm. The cost is \$15.00 per person. This will be a Spaghetti Night with live entertainment.** HIYC will pick up the cost of wine that will be served with dinner and there is an open cash bar. We will install the new 2019 Bridge and Board.

Please bring a check for your yearly dues or if you are not able to attend this event please mail your dues to our Treasurer:

Eileen Howe  
1324 Twin Tides Place  
Oxnard, CA 93035

**The dues for 2019 will be \$95.00 per person or \$190.00 per couple. Please make your checks payable to HIYC. An increase was needed to off set some locations for our 2019 events.**

Please mark your calendar for:

**HIYC's Opening Day on Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at 1:15 pm, at The Maritime Museum.** This is our biggest event of the year and dress is Yacht Club attire (white slacks, white skirt, navy blue jackets, white shirt, white blouse) Please plan on attending.

Please visit our web site at [www.harbourislandyachtclub.org](http://www.harbourislandyachtclub.org) to see all the great pictures from all of our events from 2018. Also, look at the web site for our 2019 schedule coming soon.

The Change of Watch event will be the last event of my watch as your Commodore. As I pass the anchor to Commodore Shank, I want to thank my 2018 Bridge and our Officers and Board Members for all their help during this past year making all of our events special, and most of all fun. Our club doesn't exist without people volunteering their time. I am so thankful for all the help I received, and I know everyone will pitch in and help again this year. A big **Thank You** for all of our members that attended our events and I hope all of you will rejoin our club this year. It has been my sincere pleasure to serve as your 2018 HIYC Commodore.

Fair winds, and following seas,

Gary

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2018 Commodore

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