

Northern Neck Anglers Club

May 2012 Newsletter

The NNAC officers and directors have been busy working on NNAC plans and activities for 2012. There was a meeting of the Board of Directors (BOD) on April 28th just prior to the members' meeting that night at 7:00 PM at the Transportation Building of the Rice Hotel/Hughlett's Tavern at 73 Monument Place in Heathsville. The members' meeting was attended by about 30 members and guests. Dr. John Hoekstra gave a brief safety briefing about the dangers of waterborne diseases related to fish-handling and cuts, scrapes, and punctures around the water. He advised keeping fresh hydrogen peroxide on your boat to immediately wash any such wounds. Capt. Rick Lockhart was the invited guest speaker, and he discussed techniques for early season striper fishing. He provided hand-outs which listed fishing seasons and regulations in VA and MD, methods to tie various fishing knots, plans for building planer boards, and a map of fishing hot spots.

During the meeting, the new NNAC web site was announced and briefly explained by Jan Jamrog and Susan Hudson as being a work-in-progress. We will use this new site to post information about tournament descriptions, tournament results, Angler of the Year standings, Best of Species standings, membership applications, tournament sponsors, weigh-in locations, and many other news items. We appreciate the support over the years by the Chesapeake Angler (C/A) Magazine in graciously hosting the NNAC web site, and their site will have a link to our new site. With this new site, we can make frequent updates and show pictures without having to burden the busy ladies at C/A Magazine. Please check out the club's new web site:

www.northernneckanglersclub.wordpress.com).

The first tournament of the year will be the **Trophy Rockfish Team Tournament on May 5 & 6**, a team event in which the combined weight of the two largest fish entered by a team will be counted. Each team may enter two fish each day, and the team may consist of both NNAC members and non-members with no guest fee or registration required. The second tournament will be the **Rock-A-Thon Tournament on May 26 & 27** for striped bass and croakers and will be the first tournament counting for the Angler of the Year. Detailed descriptions of the both tournaments are listed on the new club web site listed above and are also attached.

The Reedville Fishing Derby is scheduled for Saturday, May 12th, where the NNAC will be represented with a table at the Captains' meeting on May 11th where a new NNAC information flyer and membership application will be inserted into the Captain's bags being distributed. Please contact John O'Connor (joconnor47@aol.com or 703-392-6440) if you have a few hours during this derby to volunteer to man the NNAC table and provide information about the club.

The **NNAC picnic is scheduled for Saturday, June 9th from 4-6 PM** to be followed by an **NNAC meeting at 7:00 PM at the library in Kilmarnock**. We will have two speakers at the meeting. NNAC member, **Frank Brewer**, will discuss flounder fishing techniques and locations and **Capt. Ed Lawrence of Speckulater Charters** will discuss techniques for speckled trout. Both of these species will be target species during NNAC tournaments, so plan to attend. You will be receiving an e-mail asking you to respond if you are planning to attend the picnic so that the proper quantities of supplies can be purchased for the picnic. If the rising gas prices have you concerned about how often you might go fishing this year, why not attend both events to meet other club members and find some new fishing partners? The club will once again have a "Fishing Partners" roster, which you can join by signing up with club Secretary, Susan Hudson (karisma@hughes.net). You would list your name, phone number, e-mail address, and general fishing location. You would have to give your permission to allow your information to be distributed among those on the list, but your information would not be published to the entire club membership.

Hope to see you at the meetings and wish you good luck during the club tournaments.

Tom Smith

President, NNAC