Northern Neck Anglers Club January 2013 Newsletter

(www.northernneckanglersclub.wordpress.com)

The rockfish were a bit late arriving from the ocean this season, and November winds were cruel to us, but the fishing got hot in early December as you will see from the results of our modified format **Bonus Rockfish Tournament** held from December 1st - 9th. Our goals were to increase the odds of being able to conduct the tournament, give our members more opportunity to participate, and provide publicity for our sponsors. The Bonus Rockfish Tournament was sponsored by **Southeastern Marine and Green Top Sporting Good**s, both located in the Richmond area with the top three anglers getting gift certificates to Green Top. The top three anglers are listed below:

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1<sup>st</sup> Place – 38 lb, 1 oz by Billy Thorpe and weighed at Norview Marina on Saturday, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – 36 lb, 3 oz by Pete Talley and weighed at Norview Marina on Saturday, Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – 32 lb, 0 oz by Ken Chaffin and weighed at Lewisetta Marina on Saturday, Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>
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For the first time, we published a leader board after the first weekend with an up-date before the final weekend so that anglers knew the size fish needed to win an award. The leader board for those fish weighed can be viewed on the home page of the NNAC web site. I know that large fish were conserved and not weighed under this format as 6 stripers from the low to mid twenty pounds were released on the boat I was on as we sought the elusive tournament winner on the last day of the tournament.

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Angler of the Year for 2012

First Place – Jan Jamrog – 33 points

Second Place – Tom Smith - 17 points with Smith winning a tiebreaker process for second Third Place – Paulette O'Connor – 17 points (lost tiebreaker)

Details for all 32 anglers weighing fish during the six eligible tournaments are listed on the club web site: http://northernneckanglersclub.files.wordpress.com/2012/10/final-nnac-2012-angler-of-year-standings.pdf.

Congratulations to Jan Jamrog for his outstanding performance.

The **Best of Species Contest** results are posted on the club web site and winners are listed below:

Bluefish – 3 lb, 0 oz – John O'Connor Croaker – 1 lb, 13 oz – Barry Smith, Jr. Flounder – 4 lb, 10 oz – Frank Brewer Rockfish - 38 lb, 1 oz – Billy Thorpe Speckled Trout – 5 lb, 6 oz – Paulette O'Connor Spot -10 oz- Jan Jamrog (tiebreaker)

Congratulations to Paulette O'Connor for registering the only weight citation fish during the year – a 5 lb, 6 oz speckled trout. Remember that the fish must be the largest species during a club tournament in which the species is targeted or it may be a weight citation caught at any time during the NNAC tournament season, which ended on December 9th.

Thanks to all of the sponsors and tournament weigh stations for their assistance and support during the year. A list of sponsors and weigh stations is listed on the club web site and repeated below. Please support our sponsors and weigh stations and thank them when you visit them.

Sponsors

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- J & W Seafood (http://www.jandwseafood.com)
- Marine Electronics of Hartfield (http://www.buygpshere.com)
- R W's Sport Shop (http://www.rwsports.com)
- <u>Southeastern Marine</u> (http://www.southeasternmarine.net)
- Surfside Bait & Tackle (http://www.surfsidebait-tackle.com)

Weigh-In Stations (listed on the NNAC web site along with links to their web sites)

Lewisetta Marina Smith Point Marina Ingram Bay Marina B.E.S.T. Marine Norview Marina Chesapeake Boat Basin Morningstar Marina RW's Sport Shop J&W Seafood Buzzard's Pt. Marina Northern Neck ACE Hardware

Wishing all of you a happy, healthy, and prosperous New Year.

Tom Smith President, NNAC