

Northern Neck Anglers Club

March 2013 Newsletter

<http://northernneckanglersclub.wordpress.com/>

The Board of Directors of the NNAC met on February 16th to plan for our 2013 club events. We covered a number of topics and will discuss below those items which have been decided.

The tournament schedule and target species are listed below:

Trophy Rockfish	Rockfish (team event)	May 4 & 5 (4 places)
Rock-A-Thon	Rockfish and croaker	May 25 & 26 (2 places each)
Target Ship Shoot-out	Bluefish, croaker, and flounder	June 22 & 23 (2 places each)
Flounder Bash	Flounder, croaker, and speckled trout	July 20 & 21 (2 places each)
Spanish Lessons	Spanish mackerel, bluefish, & spot	Aug. 17 & 18 (2 places each)
Fall Grab Bag	Speckled trout, Sp. mackerel, and spot	Sept. 14 & 15 (2 places each)
Striper Challenge	Rockfish and bluefish	Oct. 12 & 13 (2 places each)
Bonus Rockfish	Rockfish (9 consecutive days)	Nov. 30 – Dec. 8 (6 places)

Also, we have added Puppy Drum as a special "Bounty Fish" in the three tournaments in July, August, and September. Members are encouraged to weigh in any legal size fish (18-26 inches in Va. and 18-27 inches in Md., unless revised later) during these three tournaments with the largest Puppy Drum by weight earning a plaque. We heard numerous reports from 2012 of members catching a number of undersize fish and a few keepers, and we want to learn if there might be enough legal size fish around to add it to the target species.

The first NNAC meeting in 2013 is scheduled for Saturday, April 27th at 7:00 PM at the Transportation Building in Heathsville, where Doug Gray, lure maker and mate for Capt. Ryan Rogers, will discuss techniques for early season striper fishing.

The NNAC free picnic is scheduled for Saturday, June 8th from 4-6 PM. Also on that same day, there is an NNAC meeting at 7:00 PM at the library in Kilmarnock. 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 e-mailing our Secretary, Tom Hedgpeth (the.hedgpeths@verizon.net), who will likely set up the list with password protection on the NNAC web site. 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.

The NNAC web site (<http://northernneckanglersclub.wordpress.com/>) has up-dated tournament rules and the tournament schedule with a listing of the target species for each event. Also, there will be a Members Only section, which can be accessed only with the password "**starboard**" where you can find past Newsletters, minutes of member meetings, and discount information through the Boat US Cooperating Group Program.

Attached is a form for members to review, sign, and return to NNAC, PO Box 294, White Stone, VA, 22578. The form will serve as a waiver of liability against the NNAC, its officers and directors and will be a requirement for member participation in club activities. Signed copies of the waiver will be filed and will remain in effect for the duration of continuous membership.

Other items that you should consider as we await the fishing season would include the Federal Saltwater Angler Registration requirements, which may require that you register in Virginia and/or Maryland, and the Boater Safety Requirements which may require most of us to take a boating safety course with the boat operator's age determining the deadline for completing the course.

Remember to pay your 2013 dues of \$30.00 if you have not already done so by mailing a check to NNAC, P.O. Box 294, White Stone, VA., 22578 and invite a friend to join the club.

Tom Smith, President, NNAC

