

Northern Neck Anglers Club

July 2013 Newsletter

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The second tournament of the year, the **Rock-A-Thon Tournament**, was originally scheduled for May 25th & 26th for striped bass and croakers, and was sponsored by **R. W.'s Sport Shop** in Callao. It was cancelled on two consecutive weekends due to SCA's. It was finally held on June 8 & 9, and has been renamed the **Rock-R- Gone Tournament**. No one entered a rockfish, but one unlucky angler reported losing the potential winner after a 5 minute fight on light tackle as the fish did a barrel roll alongside the boat and escaped the net. Congratulations to Jim Shimchick and Steve Hedgpeth for their first and second place croakers of 1 lb, 3 oz and 1 lb. 2 oz, respectively.

The NNAC picnic was scheduled for Saturday, June 8th from 4-6 PM, but after consultation among the NNAC officers, it was postponed due to a forecast of rain and thunderstorms. Also on that same day, there was an NNAC meeting at 7:00 PM at the library in Kilmarnock. **Neil Drumheller**, a custom rod builder located in Gloucester Point, discussed rod and reel maintenance and repairs. Also, **Jon Lucy**, a retiree from the Virginia Institute of Marine Science (VIMS), discussed techniques and tackle for catching speckled trout.

The NNAC **Target Ship Shootout** for bluefish, flounder, and croaker, and sponsored by **Surfside Bait & Tackle in Mechanicsville** (10% discount to NNAC members), was held on June 22 with June 23 cancelled due to a late morning SCA. No flounder were entered, but the O'Connor's did very well with Paulette O'Connor taking the first place croaker with 1 lb, 9 oz, and John taking second with 1 lb, 6 oz. There was a three way tie for bluefish at 13 oz with tie-breaking rules of earliest time of weigh-in placing John O'Connor in first, Jan Jamrog in second, and Steve Hedgpeth in third place.

The **Flounder Bash Tournament** is scheduled for **July 20 & 21** and is sponsored by **J & W Seafood** in Deltaville. Members can get a 10% discount on fishing tackle at J & W by showing your NNAC member card. Target species will be **flounder, speckled trout, and croaker**. This tournament also marks the first of three tournaments for **Puppy Drum** with awards from **Jett's Hardware** for the two largest legal size puppy drum registered during the three tournaments.

If you want to join the "Fishing Partners" roster, you should sign up with club Secretary, Tom Hedgpeth at (the.hedgpeths@verizon.net).

Links to VA and MD for registering for the Fisherman Identification Program are listed below: <http://www.mrc.state.va.us/FIP/index.shtm> or 1-800-723-2728 for VA and 1-855-855-3906 for MD

Please take a look at the NNAC web site (www.northernneckanglersclub.wordpress.com), where you can find lots of information about the club, our tournaments, our sponsors, our weigh-in stations, fishing boundaries, tournament results, meetings, tournament rules, liability waiver forms, membership application forms, and copies of NNAC Newsletters. Members must sign and return the liability waiver form (copy attached) prior to entering our tournaments and to be eligible to win an award.

Please remember to shop at our sponsors' businesses and to thank them for supporting the NNAC.

Tom Smith
President, NNAC

