

Northern Neck Anglers Club

August 2014 Newsletter

(www.northernneckanglersclub.wordpress.com).

We are moving into the prime fishing months in the Middle Bay. Spanish mackerel, cobia and large red drum have been caught in the last couple of weeks. Time to fish as frequently as you can.

Congratulations to the winners of the Flounder Bash Tournament on July 19-20 sponsored by J & W Seafood of Deltaville:

Flounder

1 st place	Evan Gregg (youth)	3 lbs 15 ozs
2 nd place	Frank Brewer	2 lbs 15 ozs
3 rd place	Scott Gregg	1 lb 14 ozs

Croaker

1 st place	Jay Straughan	1 lb 1 oz
2 nd place	Jan Jamrog	14 ozs (tie breaker*)
3 rd place	Elwood Ball	14 ozs (tie breaker*)

Spot

1 st place	Jay Straughan	9 ozs
2 nd place	Tom Hedgpeth	8 ozs (tie breaker*)
3 rd place	Scot McKenzie	8 ozs (tie breaker*)

* Tie breakers are determined by the earliest weigh-in times.

The next scheduled tournament is the Spanish Lessons August 15-17 (Friday through Sunday tournament) sponsored by the NNAC. Target species for the tournament are spanish mackerel, bluefish and puppy drum. Gift cards will be awarded for the top two fish (by weight) for each species, with the first place winner of each species also receiving a plaque. Angler of the Year (AOY) points will be awarded for each species, with 4 points for first place, 3 for second, 2 for third and 1 point for all other entries.

The next member meeting is scheduled for 7pm on Saturday August 9th at the Transportation Building in Heathsville. The speaker for this meeting will be Susanna Musick, Marine Recreation Specialist, Virginia Institute of Marine Science (VIMS). Ms. Musick is the Principal Investigator for the Virginia Game Fish Tagging Program (VGFTP), a cooperative project between VIMS and the Virginia Marine Resources Commission, funded primarily by revenues from Virginia's saltwater recreational fishing licenses. The VGFTP, established in 1995, trains volunteer taggers to provide fisheries managers with data on migration patterns and habitat use of 10 species of recreationally important saltwater fish not tagged by any other programs (black drum, black sea bass, cobia, flounder, red drum, sheepshead, spadefish, speckled trout, tautog and gray triggerfish). A members only door prize drawing (\$30 gift card from R.W.'s Sports Shop of Callao) will be held at the end of the meeting. Mark your calendar and plan to attend.

We have completed three of the six tournaments included in the AOY competition for 2014. Twenty-eight members have recorded AOY points so far, with Jan Jamrog and Jay Straughan leading the list with 10 points each, followed by Tom Hedgpeth with 8 points and Paulette O'Connor with 7 points. Lots of time left so get out there and fish hard during the upcoming tournaments. Be sure to weigh in any eligible fish caught during a tournament.

Tight lines !!

John O'Connor
NNAC President