

Northern Neck Anglers Club

July 2014 Newsletter

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Summer has arrived. School is out and families are now taking or planning summer vacations and children are visiting or spending time with grandparents and relatives. Hopefully, your summer and vacation plans include time for boating and fishing.

Congratulations to the winners of the Target Ship Shootout on June 21-22 sponsored by Surfside Bait and Tackle of Mechanicsville:

Croaker

1 st place	Jeff Griffin	1 lb 0 oz (tie breaker*)
2 nd place	Stuart McKenzie	1 lb 0 oz (tie breaker*)
3 rd place	Eric McKenzie (youth)	1 lb 0 oz (tie breaker*)

Bluefish

1 st place	Jan Jamrog	10 oz
2 nd place	Paulette O'Connor	8 oz
3 rd place	Mark Roy	7 oz (tie breaker*)

Flounder

No entries

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

The next scheduled tournament is the Flounder Bash July 19-20, sponsored by J&W Seafood of Deltaville. Target species for the tournament will be croaker, flounder and spot. 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 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.

The NNAC is a member of the Boat U.S. Cooperating Group Program. Under this program, NNAC members who are or become Boat U.S. members are entitled to a discount on the annual \$30 Boat U.S. membership fee – the fee is discounted to \$15 for NNAC members. To receive the discount, an NNAC member needs only to enter the club's Cooperating Group ID Number on the initial or renewal membership form. The Cooperating Group ID Number can be found in the NNAC Members Only section of the club's website.

As a reminder, all operators of personal watercraft and operators of boats with motors of 10hp or greater who are 45 years of age or younger must have completed the required Virginia boating safety education course by July 1, 2014. Those 50 years of age or younger must meet the requirement by July 1, 2015 and all motorboat operators irrespective of age must meet the requirement by July 1, 2016.

Tight lines !!

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NNAC President