## Northern Neck Anglers Club

## January 2016 Newsletter

(www.northernneckanglersclub.wordpress.com).

Time flies when you are having fun, as the saying goes. 2016 is here and the 2015 fishing season is now history. With the arrival of 2016 comes the renewal of annual membership dues, still \$30 per adult member with no charge for youth members. Membership dues for 2016 are due by March 31.

The club's annual election of officers and directors for the upcoming year was held in December. The Board of Directors recommended a slate of officers and directors with all 2015 officers and directors graciously agreeing to continue to serve if elected by the membership. All election ballots received recorded votes for the recommended slate with no write-in votes received. The following officers and directors were elected for 2016: President – John O'Connor, Vice President – Mark Roy, Treasurer – Lee Pulling, Secretary – Ed Fortunato, Directors (3) – John Elkin, Stuart McKenzie and Bob Reed. Club founder and former long-time President Dave Compton was previously named as a lifetime Director Emeritus and will continue to serve on the Board of Directors as a non-voting advisor and consultant.

Member meetings during 2016 have been scheduled on Saturdays April 30, June 25, August 13 and October 1. We anticipate holding all member meetings in Kilmarnock, the time and location to be provided later.

Club fishing tournaments (total of six) have been scheduled for Saturdays-Sundays during 2015 as follows:

May 7-8 – Trophy Rockfish (Rockfish)

July 9-10 – Flounder Bash (Croaker & Flounder)

August 20-21 – Spanish Lessons (Bluefish, Spanish Mackerel & Spot)

September 10-11 – Grab Bag (Bluefish, Cobia, Spanish Mackerel & Spot)

October 15-16 – Octoberfest (Bluefish, Puppy Drum & Rockfish)

November 26-27 – Bonus Rockfish (Rockfish).

First and second place finishers for each tournament species will receive gift certificate awards in the amounts of \$75 and \$50. Angler of the Year points will continue to be awarded for each tournament species, with 4 points for first place, 3

points for second place, 2 points for third place and 1 point each for all other entries.

Mark your calendars and plan to attend member meetings and participate in club fishing tournaments during 2016.

Once again remember to thank and patronize those businesses that sponsored club tournaments and awards during 2015 and the marinas and weigh-in locations that support the club's monthly tournaments. Our success as a club continues to be dependent upon this support.

On behalf of your officers and directors and personally, I wish you and your families a happy and healthy new year and a successful and enjoyable 2016 fishing season.

Tight lines!!

John O'Connor

**NNAC President**