

Northern Neck Anglers Club

July 2016 Newsletter

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Summer has arrived once again. 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 plans include time for boating and fishing. Remember to always be safe and courteous on the water and to treat cuts, punctures, scrapes or scratches with hydrogen peroxide (preferred) or clorox to kill any bacteria present. It was recently pointed out that hydrogen peroxide bottles contain an expiration date and members should check to ensure that hydrogen peroxide bottles on hand have not expired.

Now is a great time to be fishing. Spanish mackerel and bluefish have arrived along with croaker and flounder. Anglers have been catching cobia since mid-June at Windmill Point and cobia and large red drum are now reported being caught as far north as the Middle Grounds and Target Ship in Maryland waters.

We had an excellent member meeting on Saturday June 25. Thanks to John Elkin, Jan Jamrog and Mark Roy for sharing their fishing experiences, tackle, techniques and locations with the members and guests present. Several favorable comments from those present were received at the end of the meeting. It was announced at the meeting that the club is planning a fishing seminar from 9am to 5pm on Saturday April 8, 2017. A deposit has been placed on a location and plans are moving forward. More information regarding the seminar will be forthcoming in the future. Mark your calendars now and plan to attend.

The next scheduled member tournament is the Flounder Bash July 9-10, weather permitting. The Flounder Bash is sponsored by Marine Electronics of Hartfield. Target species for the Flounder Bash will be croaker and flounder. 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.

We have added a second member tournament this month, the Cobia Classic July 23-24, weather permitting. The Cobia Classic is sponsored by Surfside Bait and Tackle of Mechanicsville. Target species for the Cobia Classic will be cobia, croaker and flounder. 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.

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The NNAC continues to be 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 final reminder, all operators of personal watercraft and operators of boats with motors of 10hp or greater must have completed the required Virginia boating safety education course by July 1, 2016.

Tight lines !!

John O'Connor
NNAC President