

Northern Neck Anglers Club

August 2016 Newsletter

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Summer is moving along and we have completed three of our seven scheduled member tournaments for 2016. Labor Day will be here before you know it. How time flies when you are having fun. Families are getting in final summer vacations and visits with grandparents and relatives. Hopefully, your summer and vacation plans have included time for boating and fishing.

Cobia fishing has been productive again this summer. We successfully included cobia as a tournament species for the first time this year. Reports of Spanish Mackerel and Bluefish catches are now being posted as the Spanish move up the bay and the Bluefish are attacking the trolling lures.

Congratulations to the winners of the Flounder Bash Tournament, which was held on Saturday July 9 due to Small Craft Advisories on Sunday July 10. The Flounder Bash Tournament was sponsored by Marine Electronics of Hartfield:

Flounder (two entries): 1st place Evan Gregg 1lb 8oz – 2nd place Scott Houghtaling 1lb 6oz.

Croaker (eight entries): 1st place Jan Jamrog 1lb 5oz – 2nd place James Morgan 14oz – 3rd place Stuart McKenzie 12 oz* - 4th place Steve Hedgpeth 12oz*- 5th place Tom Hedgpeth 10oz – 6th place Randy Gunn 7oz – 7th place Scott Houghtaling 7oz - 8th place Scott Gregg 5oz.

* tie breaker based on earliest weigh in time

Congratulations to the winners of the Cobia Classic Tournament, which was held on Saturday and Sunday July 23-24. The Cobia Classic Tournament was sponsored by Surfside Bait and Tackle, Mechanicsville:

Cobia (two entries): 1st place Scott Houghtaling 40lb 6oz – 2nd place Bob Reed 28lb 7oz.

Croaker (four entries): 1st place Stuart McKenzie 12oz* - 2nd place Tom Hedgpeth 12oz* - 3rd place Steve Hedgpeth 11 oz – 4th place Jan Jamrog 8oz.

Flounder – no entries

* tie breaker based on earliest weigh in time

The next member meeting will be held at 7pm on Saturday August 13th at the Wicomico Parish Church Hall, 5191 Jessie DuPont Memorial Highway, Wicomico Church. "Fishing for Spanish Mackerel" will be the discussion topic. A \$30 gift certificate will be awarded by random drawing as a members only door prize at the end of the meeting. The public is invited and guests are welcome at all NNAC member meetings.

The next scheduled member tournament is the Spanish Lessons Tournament August 20-21, weather permitting. The Spanish Lessons Tournament is sponsored by R.W.'s Sport Shop, Callao. Target species for the tournament will be Spanish Mackerel, Bluefish 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 (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 2016 AOY competition is starting to heat up with four tournaments remaining. Eleven members have recorded one or more AOY points through the first three tournaments. Scott Houghtaling with 8 points, Stuart McKenzie with 6 points and Jan Jamrog with 5 points are leading the group. AOY standings can be found on the club's website.

The Cobia season closes in Virginia waters on August 30. The Cobia season will remain open in Maryland waters of the Bay and the Potomac River as Maryland DNR and the Potomac River Fisheries Commission have no regulations (season, size or possession) for Cobia.

Good luck fishing this month. Be safe out there.

Tight lines !!

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