

Northern Neck Anglers Club

September 2016 Newsletter

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School has started and Labor Day weekend is once again upon us. Summer officially ends this month and we will soon be into Fall fishing patterns on the Bay. Cobia season ended August 30 in Virginia waters, however remains open through the end of the year in Maryland waters and the Potomac River. Currently, there are no size or possession limits for Cobia in those two jurisdictions. Spanish Mackerel fishing has picked up recently from the Asphalt Pile Reef to Smith Point in Virginia waters and has been reported to be productive in the Middle Grounds and Point Lookout areas of Maryland waters. Bluefish remain plentiful in the Bay although the larger bluefish are difficult to find. A few large Red Drum are also being caught and released.

Congratulations to the winners of the Spanish Lessons Tournament, which was sponsored by R.W.'s Sport Shop, and to all who weighed in fish during the tournament. The weather and winds cooperated on Saturday August 20 and we had an enjoyable fishing day. Although there was no Small Craft Advisory in effect, Sunday August 21 was windy and the water was rough. Only a few entries were checked in on Sunday. The top four placings for each species are below:

Spanish Mackerel (16 entries)

1 st place	Jan Jamrog	2lb 10oz
2 nd place	Randy Gunn	1lb 12oz
3 rd place	Scott Houghtaling	1lb 10oz
4 th place	Emmett Boyd	1lb 8oz

Bluefish (11 entries)

1 st place	Paulette O'Connor	1lb 4oz
2 nd place	Scott Houghtaling	1lb 1oz
3 rd place	Randy Gunn	1lb
4 rd place	Emmett Boyd	14oz

Spot (7 entries)

1 st place	Tom Hedgpeth	7oz
2 nd place	Stuart McKenzie	6oz
3 rd place	Jan Jamrog	5oz
4 th place	Steve Hedgpeth	3oz*
4 th place	James Morgan	3oz*

* Tie breakers are determined by the earliest weigh-in times. Those with identical weigh in times (4th place Spot) had no effect on gift certificate awards or Angler of the Year (AOY) points. Each placing 4th place and after receives one AOY point.

The next scheduled member tournament is the Grab Bag Tournament September 10-11, weather permitting. The Grab Bag Tournament is sponsored by J&W Seafood, Deltaville. 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. 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.

Nineteen members have recorded one or more AOY points through the first four tournaments, with three tournaments remaining. Scott Houghtaling with 13 points, Jan Jamrog with 12, Tom Hedgpeth with 10 and Stuart McKenzie with 9 are leading the group. AOY standings can be found on the club's website.

The next member meeting is scheduled for 7pm Saturday October 1st at the Wicomico Parish Church Hall, 5191 Jessie DuPont Memorial Highway, Wicomico Church. "Fishing in the Fall for Rockfish, Speckled Trout and Puppy Drum" 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. Mark your calendars and plan to attend.

Tight lines !!

John O'Connor
NNAC President