

## Northern Neck Anglers Club

### October 2016 Newsletter

([www.northernneckanglersclub.wordpress.com](http://www.northernneckanglersclub.wordpress.com))

In preparing the monthly newsletter, I review the prior year's monthly newsletter. In the October 2015 newsletter I reported the following: "We dodged the bullet when Hurricane Joaquin turned away from the U.S. coastline and projected paths which would have seriously impacted the Northern Neck and Middle Peninsula." As I am preparing this newsletter, we are all watching the projected path of Hurricane Matthew. Hopefully, we will again not be seriously be impacted by this hurricane and enjoy a pleasant fall fishing season.

Congratulations to the winners of the Grab Bag Tournament September 17-18, sponsored by J&W Seafood, Deltaville, and to all who weighed in fish during the tournament. The top four placings for each species are listed below:

#### Spanish Mackerel

1 <sup>st</sup> place	James Brown	2lb 11oz*
2 <sup>nd</sup> place	Scott Houghtaling	2lb 11oz*
3 <sup>rd</sup> place	Jerry Rushing	2lb 9oz
4 <sup>th</sup> place	Randy Gunn	2lb 5oz

#### Bluefish

1 <sup>st</sup> place	Mark Roy	2lb 8oz
2 <sup>nd</sup> place	James Brown	2lb 5oz
3 <sup>rd</sup> place	Randy Gunn	1lb 9oz
4 <sup>th</sup> place	Ken Hill	1lb 5oz

#### Spot

1 <sup>st</sup> place	Ken Hill	8oz*
2 <sup>nd</sup> place	Stuart McKenzie	8oz*
3 <sup>rd</sup> place	Scott Houghtaling	5oz*
4 <sup>th</sup> place	Tom Hedgpeth	5oz*

\* Tie breaker determined by the earliest weigh-in time.

Fall Rockfish season opened in Virginia waters on October 4 and continues in Maryland waters of Chesapeake Bay and the Potomac River. Minimum length in each jurisdiction is 20 inches and possession limit is two per angler, one of which can be over 28 inches.

The next scheduled tournament is the Octoberfest Saturday 10/15 and Sunday 10/16, weather permitting, sponsored by the NNAC. Target species for this tournament are Rockfish, Bluefish and Puppy Drum. 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. In addition, the Board has added Speckled Trout as a bonus species for the tournament to see if the recovery of the species is sufficient to add Speckled Trout as a tournament species in 2017. Gift certificates will be awarded to the top two placings for Speckled Trout, however AOY points will not be awarded for this species since it is a bonus addition to the tournament.

Twenty-one members have recorded one or more AOY points through the first five tournaments, with two tournaments remaining. Scott Houghtaling with 19 points, Jan Jamrog with 15 and Tom Hedgpeth and Stuart McKenzie with 13 each are leading the group. AOY standings can be found on the club's website.

Good luck fishing. Be safe out there.

Tight lines !!

John O'Connor

NNAC President