

Northern Neck Anglers Club

February 2017 Newsletter

(www.northernneckanglersclub.wordpress.com)

Greetings again this year from Florida. We have settled in on the Gulf Coast until late March, planning to return to Virginia in time for the April 1 seminar. Water temperatures in the Gulf of Mexico are warming now so boating and fishing is not far off for us.

February is a month that starts members thinking about the end of winter weather and the upcoming boating and fishing season. The focus now shifts to getting tackle and lures ready for fishing Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries. Before long, the boats will be coming off the trailers or out of winter storage and back into the water.

Remember to submit your reservation(s) for the club's Chesapeake Bay Fishing Seminar on Saturday, April 1 at the Church of the Nazarene in White Stone. Price is \$25 for club members, \$30 for adult non-members and \$15 for youth (under the age of 18). Seminar begins at 8:30am and concludes at 3:45pm. Box lunches are available for purchase in advance for \$10. The seminar agenda, including presentations by Captains Ryan Rogers, Billy Pipkin and Chris Newsome, and the reservation form are available on the club's website. Please pass this information on to family members, friends and neighbors. We are hoping for a large turnout for the seminar.

The club's financial position is sound. All 2016 expenses were paid by the end of the year and the club began 2017 with a balance of \$8,337.17 in the checking account. Thanks to Treasurer Lee Pulling for his outstanding job managing the club's finances.

Membership dues for 2017 (\$30) are now being collected and are due by March 31. The membership renewal form was included with last month's newsletter and is available at the club's website. Now is a good time to recruit family members, friends and neighbors to join the club. The club's expenses are funded primarily through member dues. Sponsors contribute to the gift certificates awarded to the first and second place finishers for each species targeted during member fishing tournaments during the year. The club's success depends upon a strong membership base and the support of sponsors and participating weigh-in locations. Remember to patronize and thank the sponsors and weigh-in locations throughout the year.

The NNAC has been a member of the Boat U.S. Cooperating Group Program since 2012. 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.

Tight lines !!

John O'Connor

NNAC President