

Northern Neck Anglers Club

September 2017 Newsletter

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School has begun and Labor Day weekend signals the end of the summer vacation season. We will soon be into Fall fishing patterns on the Bay and are looking forward to the start of the Rockfish season in Virginia waters on October 4. Cobia season ends September 15 in Virginia waters, however remains open through the end of the year in Maryland waters and the Potomac River. Spanish Mackerel fishing has been steady in Virginia waters and in the lower Potomac River and has been reported to be productive in the Middle Grounds and Point Lookout areas of Maryland waters. Bluefish remain plentiful in the Bay and a few large Red Drum are also being caught and released.

Congratulations to the winners of the Spanish Lessons Tournament, sponsored by R.W.'s Sport Shop, which was scheduled for Saturday 8/19 and Sunday 8/20. Due to Small Craft Advisories in two of the club's four tournament fishing zones, Saturday was cancelled as a tournament fishing day and the tournament was held as a one day tournament on Sunday. Congratulations to the winners and to all who weighed in fish during the tournament. The top four placings for each species are listed below:

Spanish Mackerel (14 entries)

1 st place	Evan Gregg	2lb 4oz
2 nd place	Scott Gregg	2lb 3oz
3 rd place*	Robert Baughan	2lb
4 th place*	Mark Roy	2lb

Bluefish (15 entries)

1 st place*	Stuart McKenzie	1lb 14oz
2 nd place*	Evan Gregg	1lb 14oz
3 rd place	Paulette O'Connor	1lb 10oz
4 rd place	Randy Gunn	1lb 9oz

Spot (5 entries)

1 st place	Stuart McKenzie	8oz
2 nd place*	Tom Smith	5oz
3 rd place*	Jan Jamrog	5oz
4 th place*	Mark Roy	3oz
5 th place*	Ben Ames	3oz

* Tie breakers are determined by the earliest weigh-in times.

The next scheduled member tournament is the Grab Bag Tournament Saturday September 9 and Sunday September 10, 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. 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.

Seventeen members have recorded one or more AOY points through the first four tournaments, with three tournaments remaining. Tom Smith with 19 points, Stuart McKenzie with 16 and Evan Gregg with 10 are leading the group. AOY standings can be found on the club's website.

The next member meeting is scheduled for 7pm Saturday September 30th at the Wicomico Parish Church Hall, 5191 Jessie DuPont Memorial Highway, Wicomico Church. Susanna Musick, Marine Recreation Specialist, Virginia Institute of Marine Science (VIMS) will be the featured speaker, updating members on the Virginia Game Fishing Tagging Program, newly funded Cobia projects and other current VIMS projects. Members who have been collecting Cobia fin clips for VIMS research can turn in the collection kits to Susanna at the meeting. "Fishing in the Fall for Rockfish, Speckled Trout and Puppy Drum" will also be discussed through member presentations and discussion. 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