

Northern Neck Anglers Club

July 2018 Newsletter

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Summer is here and hot weather has arrived. I hope all are doing well during the prolonged heat wave we have been experiencing. The July 4th holiday festivities and fireworks are a highlight of this month. School is out and families are now taking or planning summer vacations and children are visiting or spending time with grandparents and relatives. Hopefully, your summer plans include time for boating and fishing.

Croaker and flounder fishing have once again been difficult this season and cobia fishing so far has been spotty. The bluefish and spot have arrived and the spanish mackerel are on the way.

We had an excellent member meeting on Saturday June 9. Thanks to Ben Ames and Ivor Van Heerden their informative presentation on fishing for cobia. Our next member meeting is scheduled for 7pm Saturday July 28 at the Wicomico Parish Church, Wicomico Church VA. Trolling for spanish mackerel and bluefish will be presented at the meeting, with an update on fishing for cobia. NNAC member Dr. John Hoekstra will make a short presentation on medical safety while boating and fishing. Mark your calendars and plan to attend. As always, guests are welcome and the public is invited.

The club's second member tournament of the 2018 season, the Target Ship Shootout, sponsored by Surfside Bait and Tackle of Mechanicsville, was held over the weekend of June 16-17. Target species were cobia, croaker and flounder. The weather cooperated and we held a full two day tournament as scheduled. The fish were not as cooperative and only three fish (two cobia and one croaker) were weighed in during the tournament. No flounder were weighed in. Tournament results are set forth below:

Cobia –

1 st place – Tom Hedgpeth	21lb 8ozs
2 nd place – Scott Gregg	20lb 7ozs

Croaker -

1st place - Stuart McKenzie	13oz
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Gift certificates were awarded for first and second place and Angler of the Year (AOY) points were awarded for each species – 5 points for first and 4 points for second. Congratulations to the winners and to all the others who fished without success on a tough fishing weekend.

The next scheduled member tournament is the Flounder Bash July 14-15, weather permitting. The tournament is sponsored by Surfside Bait and Tackle of Mechanicsville. Target species will again be cobia, croaker and flounder. Gift certificates will be awarded for the top three 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 5 points for first place, 4 for second, 3 for third, 2 for fourth and 1 point for all other entries.

Kacie Butler, owner of Butler's Bait and Tackle and Jett's Hardware, has graciously offered to sponsor this year's AOY program. On behalf of the membership, I would like to welcome her and Butler's Bait and Tackle to sponsorship. The website home page has been updated to list the store as a club sponsor. If in the store, please introduce yourself as a member of the NNAC and thank her and her staff for their support.

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.

Remember to always be safe and courteous on the water and to treat cuts, punctures, scrapes or scratches with hydrogen peroxide (preferred) or clorox to kill any bacteria present. Hydrogen peroxide bottles contain an expiration date and should be checked annually to ensure that bottles on board have not expired.

Tight lines !!

John O'Connor, NNAC President