## Northern Neck Anglers Club December 2018 Newsletter

(www.northernneckanglersclub.wordpress.com).

The Bonus Rockfish Tournament, the club's final member tournament of the year, has ended the club's 2018 fishing season. Angler of the Year (AOY) results have been tabulated and posted on the club's website. Twenty-five members recorded points in this year's contest. Congratulations to Tom Hedgpeth with 26 points, the 2018 Angler of the Year, and to Stuart McKenzie with 20 points, Steve Hedgpeth with 12 points and Jan Jamrog with 11 points for their second through fourth place finishes. The club recognizes the top four members with gift certificate awards and the AOY also receives a plaque.

The Bonus Rockfish Tournament was scheduled for Saturday November 24 and Sunday November 25. Target species for the tournament was Rockfish only. Small Craft Advisories for Saturday resulted in cancellation of Saturday as a tournament fishing day. Therefore, in accordance with the club's tournament fishing rules, tournament results were based on eligible fish weighed in on Sunday November 25. Gift certificates are awarded to the top three members and the winner also receives a plaque. AOY points were awarded as follows: 5 points for first, 4 for second, 3 for third, 2 for fourth and 1 point each for all other entries. Below are final tournament results:

1st Leroy Bussells	10lbs 8ozs
2 <sup>nd</sup> Cliff Barnette	10lbs 5ozs
3 <sup>rd</sup> Jan Jamrog	9lbs 8ozs
4 <sup>th</sup> Art Nickerson	7lbs 7ozs
5 <sup>th</sup> Evan White (youth)	3lbs 6ozs
6 <sup>th</sup> Barrett Roy (youth)	2lbs 10ozs

The club elects Officers (President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer) and Directors (3) annually in December for the coming year (2019). Ballots have been e-mailed to those who receive club communications electronically. A ballot is attached to this newsletter for those members who receive club communications by regular mail. Instructions are set forth on the ballot, including how to vote for a member not listed as a candidate on the ballot. Please complete the ballot and

return by e-mail to joconnor47@aol.com or by mail to the club post office address (NNAC, P.O. Box 294, White Stone VA 22578) by December 31, 2018.

Rockfish season closes in Maryland waters of Chesapeake Bay on December 15 and on December 31 in Virginia and the Potomac River.

The club's 2018 Best of Species contest concludes on December 31. Leaders are posted on the club's website. Be sure to weigh in any trophy rockfish caught between now and December 31. Congratulations to John Elkin who caught a Virginia citation rockfish weighing 49lbs 4ozs on December 6, the current leader in this year's Best of Species for Rockfish and a new club record.

Remember to thank and patronize those businesses that have sponsored club tournaments and awards during 2018 and the marinas and weigh-in locations that support the club's monthly tournaments. Our success as a club is dependent upon this support.

In closing, I would like to wish each of you and your families a wonderful holiday season and a joyous and prosperous new year in 2019.

Tight lines!!

John O'Connor

**NNAC President**