

Northern Neck Anglers Club

June 2019 Newsletter

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The official start of summer is near. Summer is an ideal time for family members and friends to enjoy boating and fishing. Remember to watch the weather and be safe on the water at all times.

Below are the final results of the Trophy Rockfish Tournament, the club's first member tournament of 2019, held during the first three weekends of May:

1 Steve Hedgpeth	7lb 5oz	5/18/2019	Smith Point Marina
2 Ivor Van Heerden	6lb 3oz	5/18/2019	Buzzards Point Marina
3 Andy Huang	4lb 2oz	5/18/2019	Buzzards Point Marina
4 Stuart McKenzie	3lb 10oz	5/19/2019	Lewisetta Marina
5 Ben Ames	3lb 9oz	5/18/2019	Buzzards Point Marina
6 Kevin Walsh	3lb 6oz	5/18/2019	Lewisetta Marina
7 Jan Jamrog	2lb 10oz	5/18/2019	Buzzards Point Marina

Gift certificates will be awarded for the top three placings. Angler of the Year (AOY) points will be awarded as follows : 1st - 5 points, 2nd - 4 points, 3rd - 3 points, 4th - 2 points and 1 point each for 5th and all other entries. Congratulations to the top three finishers and to all above who weighed in eligible fish during the tournament.

The next member meeting will be held at 7pm on Saturday June 29th at the Wicomico Parish Church Hall, 5191 Jessie DuPont Memorial Highway, Wicomico Church. Martin (Marty) Gary, Executive Secretary of the Potomac River Fisheries Commission (PRFC), will be the guest speaker at this meeting. Marty has led the PRFC since his appointment in 2013. Prior to this position, he was a senior biologist and fisheries manager for 27 years with the Maryland Department of Natural Resources. He is a graduate of Texas A&M University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Fisheries Ecology

The PRFC, headquartered in Colonial Beach, regulates the fisheries of the main stem of the tidal Potomac River from the Maryland/Washington D.C. boundary line to the mouth of the river at Point Lookout, MD and Smith Point, VA. The PRFC regulates all recreational and commercial fishing, crabbing, oystering and clamming in the main stem tidal Potomac River and issues licenses for those activities. The PRFC coordinates fisheries regulations with the Maryland DNR, the

Virginia Marine Resources Commission and the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries and with the Atlantic coastal states through the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission.

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.

The Cobia Classic member tournament, the club's second member tournament of 2019 commenced the weekend of June 1-2 and will continue the weekends of June 8-9 and June 15-16. Target species for the tournament are Cobia and Croaker. Prizes will be awarded for the top three fish (by weight) for each species. Angler of the Year 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 each for fifth and all other entries. Be sure to weigh in any eligible fish you may catch during the tournament.

Cobia season in Virginia and Maryland waters and the Potomac River opened June 1 and continues through September 15 in Virginia and through September 30 in Maryland and the Potomac River. Anglers are allowed one Cobia daily with a minimum length of 40 inches and a vessel limit of 3 per boat, only one of which can be over 50 inches in Virginia and the Potomac River. A permit is required in Virginia waters for possession of Cobia and a mandatory reporting system (harvested or released) has been implemented by the Virginia Marine Resources Commission.

I have appointed NNAC member Ben Ames of Reedville to fill the vacancy on the club's Board of Directors created by the accidental death of elected 2019 Board member Leroy Bussells on December 23, 2018 while fishing alone on Chesapeake Bay.

Remember to thank and patronize those businesses that sponsor club tournaments and awards and the marinas and weigh in locations that support the club's monthly tournaments during the fishing season. Our success as a club continues to depend upon this support.

Hope to see you at the meeting on June 29. Good luck fishing !!

John O'Connor

NNAC President