

Northern Neck Anglers Club

September 2019 Newsletter

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School has begun and Labor Day weekend signals the end of the summer vacation season and the arrival of hurricane season. Again this season we are closely watching a hurricane (Dorian) heading up the Atlantic coast to see what effect the hurricane is forecast to have on Chesapeake Bay and those residing or owning property in the Northern Neck and Middle Peninsula.

In a 30-day emergency regulations recently passed unanimously, the Virginia Marine Resources Commission implemented new regulations effective immediately for the fall striped bass (rockfish) season in Virginia waters, allowing an angler one striped bass per day from 20 to 36 inches. There will be an opportunity for public comment ahead of opening day. Season opens October 4 and continues through December 31.

Congratulations to the winners of the Spanish Lessons Tournament, sponsored by R.W.'s Sport Shop, which was held over the first three weekends in August, and to all who weighed in fish during the tournament. The top five placings for each of the four tournament species are listed below:

Bluefish (18 entries) – 1. Jan Jamrog (2lbs 8ozs) 2. Robert Henley (1lb 15ozs) 3. Paulette O'Connor (1lb 14ozs *) 4. John O'Connor (1lb 14ozs*) 5. Warren Roper (1lb 9ozs)

Cobia (1 entry) – 1. Ben Ames (29lbs 2ozs)

Spanish Mackerel (18 entries) – 1. Jan Jamrog (4lbs 2ozs) 2. Ben Ames (2lbs 9ozs) 3. John Elkin (2lbs 5ozs) 4. Tom Hedgpeth (2lbs 4ozs) 5. Robert Henley (2lbs 3ozs)

Spot (9 entries) – 1. Stuart McKenzie (9ozs) 2. Tom Smith (8ozs) 3. Jan Jamrog (7ozs) 4. Jay Straughan (6ozs*) 5. Ben Ames (6ozs*)

* tie breaker placing based on earliest weigh in time

The next scheduled member tournament is the Grab Bag Tournament the weekends of September 7-8, 14-15 and 21-22, weather permitting. The Grab Bag Tournament is sponsored by J&W Seafood, Deltaville. Target species for the tournament will be Bluefish and Spanish Mackerel. Gift cards 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. Angler of the Year (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.

Twenty-one members have recorded one or more AOY points through the first four tournaments, with four tournaments remaining. Jan Jamrog with 18 points, Stuart McKenzie with 14 and Ben Ames with 12 are leading the group. AOY standings can be found on the club's website.

The final member meeting of 2018 will be held at 6pm on Saturday September 28 at the Reedville Fishermen's Museum. The museum closes to the public at 4:30pm on that date. A members only social meet and greet will begin at 4:30pm with a members only fish fry to follow from 5:00pm to 6:00 pm. Tables and chairs will be set up in the covered patio area of the museum. Food, plates, cups and utensils, soft drinks and water will be provided by the club. No alcohol permitted. The museum will be available from 4:30pm to 6:00pm for members to view exhibits. After 6:00pm the museum will be available for restrooms only. The member meeting will commence at 6:00pm and conclude by 7:00pm. Mark your calendar and plan to attend.

Cobia season ends September 30 in Virginia and Maryland waters and the Potomac River. Remember to meet the required Virginia cobia reporting requirement no later than October 15. Reporting is required for all anglers who hold a 2019 Virginia cobia permit. Failure to meet this requirement may result in denial of a cobia permit for 2020. Details of this requirement and reporting instructions can be found in the members only section of the club's website.

Tight lines !!

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