



## June 2020 Club Newsletter

### Dear NNAC Members:

I hope this update finds you and family well. While the nation and Virginia remain in the grips of the COVID-19 virus situation, many fishermen are out and about and doing great things on the water. It was a shame that we had to cancel our June club meeting though we are all aware that the virus has precluded our meetings taking place so far in 2020. We are incredibly lucky to have an excellent meeting facility at the Wicomico Parish Church, but we deferred to their wishes that groups our size does not start back into the church facilities just yet. We certainly hope that our next regularly scheduled meeting on July 25 will be able to take place as planned. There will be more updates as we get closer.

### Tournaments:

Our Cobia and Croaker club tournament started with a bang two weeks ago with seven legal cobia weighed in and entered.

This past weekend saw a small craft advisory on Saturday and exceedingly difficult conditions on Sunday. While there was no official SCA in any of our four zones on Sunday, those of us who gave it a brief try reported very rough conditions.



No cobia nor croaker entries were recorded.

We have high hopes for the coming weekend of 6/20-21 and hope we will see entries in both species. There has not been a croaker weighed in yet during the first two weekends and the leading Cobia, while a nice fish at 27 pounds, most likely will not stand up as the winner if we get two nice days on the final weekend. Please refer to our club website for more information on entries and the current leaderboard.

**Club Website:** [NorthernNeckAnglersClub.com](http://NorthernNeckAnglersClub.com)

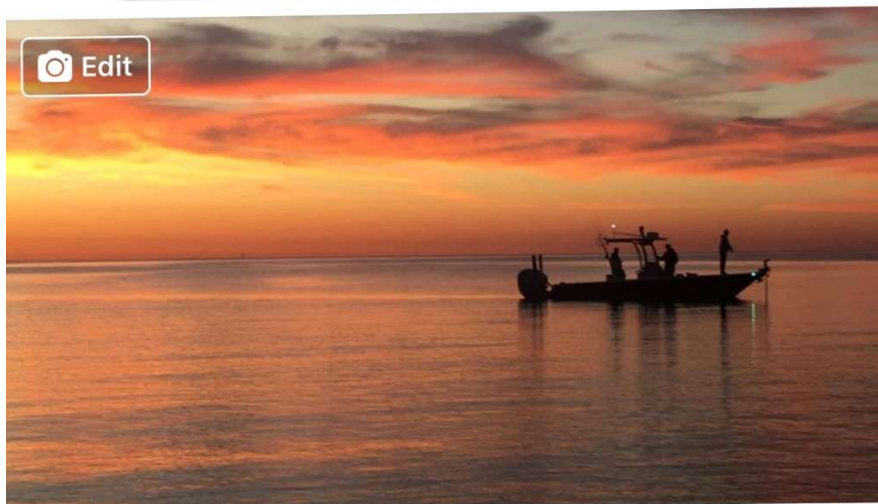
VP Tom Hedgpeth has done an amazing job this year with our website upgrades. Most of you are taking advantage of the website but please use it often. We have moved to an online leaderboard which can be found under News on our website. Not only are all entries listed there but also photos of all the cobia that have been weighed in so far. My pet peeve with most websites is that most of them are not updated often enough to keep up with new information which would be important in our case. That is not the happening with our website as Tom makes additions whenever we need it, many times 2 to 3 changes during the week. Please get in the habit of looking at it and go straight to the News section first. As a reminder, the password is "starboard" to unlock the private members section of photos and fishing updates, tips, etc.

#### **Social Media:**

Many people are having fun with our club Facebook and Instagram pages as we update photographs and newsworthy items several times during the week. Club members are welcome to send me photos of fish catches or any update they feel would be nice to distribute to the club members. We now have 145 followers on our Facebook page with over 1000 different entities at least visiting us on occasion. Our address is @NNKAnglersClub



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### Safety:

We have made safety a big emphasis in our anglers club for years. Past presidents have gone to great lengths to bring in not only safety but medical instructors to pass on information which would benefit the club. As the water begins to warm, vibrio outbreaks will no doubt be seen throughout the bay. Please do not forget to keep an ample supply of hydrogen peroxide on board at all times and the bottle needs to be in date. Also remember to wear sunscreen, a good sun hat, and proper SPF 50 clothing at minimum. Some of our members have experienced serious issues with sun related complications and are doing a good job continuing to remind us all good practices in the sun.

As most of us know, we lost a valued member and good friend only about 18 months ago in the bay and urge everyone to wear life jackets. Here is a recent article which updates bay life jacket statistics:

<https://chesapeakebaymagazine.com/uscg-chesapeake-bay-life-jacket-use-below-national-average/>

## **FISHING TIPS For Cobia:**

### **Sight fishing Jigs, Gaffs and Nets:**

Big cobia are strong and active. I do not have to tell any of you who have tied into a 30 pound plus cobia what I'm talking about. I was on board with John O'Conner and Jan Jamrog a couple of years ago while we tried to fit a 50 pound + cobia into a net the fish obviously did not like. That fish did all it could to destroy three sets of shoulders and the net itself. So here are a couple of great videos you may want to watch on jigs for sight fishing, proper netting, netting size, and gaffing a big cobia. All three of these are outstanding and I hope you like the selection:

<https://youtu.be/jiJSLjWl1v4>

[https://youtu.be/\\_gJOFSka21E](https://youtu.be/_gJOFSka21E)

<https://youtu.be/t5uHias06co>

<https://youtu.be/cp42feOS7rk>

Most of you have done a good job of setting in your 2020 dues and signing your liability release. As a reminder for those of you who have not yet submitted 2020 dues, the information, address, and appropriate form can be found on our website under membership. That is about it for now for June. There will be more updates as we moved into July and of course a July newsletter sometime around the middle of the month. And don't forget, if you have questions regarding fishing tips or perhaps you are looking for information about where the bite is currently for a certain species, send us a question through Facebook and we will try to answer them all.

Fish On!!

Ben Ames  
President