

Meet the 2017 Angler of the Year

Tom Smith was the winner of the NNAC 2017 angler of the year (AOY) contest. His win was based on points received during the 7 tournaments held by the club throughout the year targeting 9 different species. Tom's 1 point victory over Stuart McKenzie resulted in the closest AOY contest over the 8 year history of the award. Both anglers caught nice rockfish during the last day of the final tournament keeping the outcome in doubt until the end.

Tom's accomplishments included first place tournament wins for rockfish, flounder and cobia. He also caught several Virginia Citation speckled trout during the season and set new NNAC club records for speckled trout and puppy drum.



Club record 8 lb. 1 oz. speckled trout - October 10, 2017

Tom credits the members of the Northern Neck Anglers Club in helping him with the knowledge and means to win the clubs top honor during 2017.

His fishing is based out of his home in White Stone VA near the mouth of the Rappahannock, where Tom keeps his 25' Parker "Fo Paws", along with a J16 shallow water Carolina skiff.

Tom served as president of the NNAC in 2012 and 2013 and has also held the position of Secretary.

Tom Smith being presented with the 2017 Angler of the Year award plaque by NNAC Vice President Mark Roy (left) and NNAC Club President John O'Connor (right).

