

Meet the 2018 Angler of the Year

The Northern Neck Angler's Club has named Tom Hedgpeth to receive its Angler of the Year Award (AOY). This award is based on the cumulative results of the club tournaments held from May to November. Those tournaments targeted different saltwater species found in the bay. Scoring is based on weight, with five points for a first place, four for second, three for third, two for fourth and one point for any of the specifically targeted species entered during an NNAC tournament. This is Tom's first AOY since joining the club in 2012.



Tom finished with 26 points on the season followed by Stuart McKenzie in second and Steve Hedgpeth, Tom's brother, in Third. Tom finished first in three of the season tournaments for the species of Cobia, Flounder and Spanish Mackerel. Half of Tom's total points were scored during the Spanish Lessons tournament in August when he placed in all three species of fish.

Tom has been fishing in the Chesapeake Bay since first arriving in Reedville in 2008. It wasn't until a few years later that Tom joined the club following some disappointing seasons of fishing. Tom credits the club and many of its members for sharing information regarding the tackle and techniques used in targeting and catching different species of fish found in the bay.

