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Bama Belle Riverboat Hosts Two Waterkeepers' August 1 Event in Tuscaloosa Black Warrior Riverkeeper and Hurricane Creekkeeper Share a Cruise on the Black Warrior River

Tuscaloosa – On Thursday, August 1 from 6-9 P.M., <u>Black Warrior Riverkeeper</u> and <u>Hurricane Creekkeeper</u> will share a fundraiser on the Black Warrior River. The sunset cruise will feature live music, dinner and a local beer sampling on the <u>Bama Belle Riverboat</u>, which docks by the Tuscaloosa Riverwalk at 1 Greensboro Ave.

Proceeds support both <u>Waterkeeper Alliance</u> organizations' work to promote swimmable, fishable and drinkable water. Hurricane Creek is a major tributary of the Black Warrior River in Tuscaloosa County. As Hurricane Creekkeeper, John Wathen oversees environmental enforcement for the Friends of Hurricane Creek.

"It is an honor to fight for clean water with Black Warrior Riverkeeper and all the Waterkeeper Alliance organizations across Alabama and the world," said John Wathen.

Admission includes dinner (with meat, seafood, and vegetarian options) catered by <u>The Levee</u>, and a complimentary sampling of <u>Druid City Brewing</u>'s local beers. <u>The NoJoes</u> will perform throughout the cruise. Hailing from Tuscaloosa, the NoJoes consists of five friends embodying the best parts of blues and southern rock music, with a new twist.

Boarding begins at 6 P.M. The boat will leave at 6:30 P.M. and will return at 9 P.M. The event is for ages 21 and up. Guests under 21 may attend with a parent or guardian but will need a ticket as space is limited. <u>Tickets</u> are on sale for \$40 per person at <u>bamabelle2019.eventbrite.com</u>.

"The Bama Belle is perfect for beholding the river, experiencing live music, enjoying local refreshments and supporting clean water," said Charles Scribner, executive director of Black Warrior Riverkeeper. "We cannot wait to reunite with Hurricane Creekkeeper for this great annual event."

For a high-resolution photo of the Bama Belle by Nelson Brooke, Black Warrior Riverkeeper, click here.

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<u>Black Warrior Riverkeeper</u>'s mission is to protect and restore the Black Warrior River and its tributaries. The citizen-based nonprofit organization promotes clean water for improved public health, recreation and wildlife habitat throughout the Black Warrior River watershed.

<u>The Friends of Hurricane Creek</u> preserves, restores and protects the Hurricane Creek watershed. John Wathen, Hurricane Creekkeeper, leads the nonprofit organization's environmental enforcement program.