



*Eerie Sunrise* by Terrah Hewett.

See more images from our photo contest at [www.winyahriver.org](http://www.winyahriver.org)

## Waccamaw River Blue Trail Now a National Water Trail

In March, the US Department of the Interior recognized the Waccamaw River Blue Trail as a National Water Trail. The new National Water Trails System (NWTS) designation serves to bring existing and newly identified water trails together into one cohesive national network of exemplary water trails. The Waccamaw River Blue Trail joins a network of water trails the public can explore and enjoy.

More info at [www.winyahriver.org](http://www.winyahriver.org).

## Waccamaw River Basin Watching Over Local Water Quality

Our partnership with Coastal Carolina University's Waccamaw Watershed Academy is going strong. In South Carolina, we've been monitoring Waccamaw water quality since 2006 at 12 sites. In North Carolina, we expanded to 4 sites on Lake Waccamaw and recently we've added 2 river sites. With recent flooding, we've seen dissolved Oxygen levels extremely low. Check out the trends online:

<http://bccmws.coastal.edu/volunteermonitoring/>

## WELCOME KELLY!

Kelly Davis has joined us as a full-time CCU employee with part-time duties as Assistant Riverkeeper.

Get to know Kelly at:

[www.winyahriver.org](http://www.winyahriver.org)

## Protecting the Waccamaw From Toxic Coal Ash

The City of Conway and our community agree that the wetlands of the Waccamaw River in downtown Conway is NOT the place for the long term storage of coal ash. We are working hard to convince Santee Cooper and SC DHEC to remove its toxic coal ash to a proper landfill and protect our community from pollution.

More info at [www.winyahriver.org](http://www.winyahriver.org).



## Upcoming Events

### Jul 25-27 - Swimmable Action Days

Take to your favorite swimming hole this weekend and enjoy our clean swimmable water!

### Aug 23 - Waccamaw River Blue Trail Paddle

We're tentatively planning a paddle. Check our website for info.

### Sep 21 - Waccamaw River Sweep, Conway Marina, 9AM-1PM

Join us at Conway City Marina from 9am until noon to clean up litter from the Waccamaw River and its banks then enjoy a cookout lunch. Call the Riverkeeper Office at (843) 349-4007 to RSVP. Attention: Motorboats needed!

### Oct 5 - Waccamaw Big Sweep, Pireway Landing, 9AM-1PM

Join us for a clean-up then a cookout at the Pireway Boat Landing off of Hwy 904 (near Hwy 905).

### Oct 19 - Georgetown Wooden Boat Show, 11AM-6PM

Join us on the waterfront in historic downtown Georgetown at this annual event highlighting Georgetown's rich boating heritage.

### Nov 10 - River Celebration, 5PM-9PM, The Riverside Club, Conway, SC

Join us for a fun-filled evening at The Riverside Club, private club located in Conway on the Waccamaw River. Enjoy boat rides, a falconry demonstration, food, libations, live music & silent auction bidding. Tickets: \$30 (member), \$35 (other), \$20 (student).

More Details on all Events: [www.winyahriver.org](http://www.winyahriver.org) or call (843) 349-4007.