



## **9<sup>th</sup> Annual Cape Fear Hooley Under the Bridge**

**February 28, 2026**

**Waterline Brewing, 721 Surry Street, Wilmington, NC**

**Live Irish Music and Irish Dancers**

The 9<sup>th</sup> Cape Fear Hooley Under the Bridge kicks off at 11:30 AM on Saturday, February 28, 2026, at Waterline Brewing and goes dark at 6:00 PM. The Hooley celebrates Irish/American culture in America and serves as a fundraiser for the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Downtown Wilmington St. Patrick's Day Parade (Saturday, March 14, 2026).

Returning for a 3rd time is Nine Times Around, a greater Raleigh-based energetic band which plays traditional and modern Irish songs from groups such as The Dubliners, The Pogues and Dropkick Murphys.

Also making a 3rd Hooley appearance is Triggle Academy, a World Champion Irish Dance Academy with locations in the Raleigh Triangle area. Triggle dancers perform and compete at Regional, National, and World levels, and audiences love participating throughout the shows.

Returning for a 5th Hooley appearance will be crowd-favorite Banna Band, which provides a high-energy, danceable set of Celtic-inspired originals and classic Celtic songs.

The Wilmington Police Pipes and Drums will also perform, and the Hooley organizers anticipate a guest appearance by St. Patrick, along with a leprechaun or two. The Hooley will be hosted by WECT personality Daniella Hankey, and several food trucks will be present. The official 2026 St. Patrick's Day Parade shirt will be available for sale.

The tent and the seating have been expanded for 2026, and admission is free with donations accepted. Please feel free to bring your own chair to join in the fun.

For more information, please see:

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