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Norfolk Harborfest® Drone Show Cancelled, Fireworks Display Moved to 9:30 P.M.

NORFOLK, VA – (June 8, 2019) – The Norfolk Harborfest Drone Show has been cancelled due to unfavorable weather conditions. The Norfolk Harborfest Fireworks display is still scheduled to be launched over the Elizabeth River and has been moved to the original time of 9:30 P.M.

“The winds today are just not cooperating as they continue to pick up through the evening hours with some light rain a factor as well. We function under very specific weather conditions to maintain safe operational flight aspects. Currently we have winds gusting to 22 mph with a continued forecast of it increasing. These values are at ground level and show values greater than 25mph at 200ft. The cloud ceiling is also a factor by being too low today at 700ft above the ground, in which we require a 1200ft ceiling minimum. All of these factors, forecasts, and minimum weather requirements set forth by the FAA is what we must maintain for safety and regulatory compliance. We will be back soon with an amazing show for all of you to enjoy,” explains Matt Quinn, Director of Operations at Great Lakes Drone Company.

Norfolk Festevents, Ltd., based in Norfolk, Virginia, is a private, not-for-profit organization dedicated to creating the most dynamic urban waterfront community in America through innovative programming and imaginative uses of its historic waterfront spaces. An extensive 10-month schedule of diverse outdoor cultural events, festivals, concerts, entertainment, holiday programs, tall ship visits, sports and recreation are presented in two popular and welcoming waterfront environments; Town Point Park located in downtown Norfolk on the bank of the Elizabeth River and Ocean View Beach Park situated on the shore line of the Chesapeake Bay. Norfolk Festevents has served as the City of Norfolk’s official event marketing agency since the city’s downtown waterfront revitalization initiatives began in 1982. The organization has garnered international acclaim for its advocacy for public access to waterfronts, outstanding quality programming and development of public spaces, transforming Norfolk into one of the most progressive, fun, and livable waterfront communities in the country. Residents, workers, and visitors to Norfolk and the Hampton Roads region and invited to experience all the fun and excitement of the 2019 season! For more information, visit www.festevents.org.

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