Charity fundraising duck race and time travel to the Eighties for Beaulieu River summer party

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Beaulieu River summer party 2026.

The Buckler’s Hard team tells us…

Mooring holders went back to the Eighties with time travel cars, walk-around RoboCop and retro games for Beaulieu River’s annual summer party.

Star attraction time machines from *Back to the Future*, *Night Rider* and *Ghosbusters* entertained the crowd throughout the day.

Then guests danced into the evening with tribute band Wild Boys, who got everyone on their feet with a high-energy performance of Eighties anthems and rock classics.

It was the first party to also include a charity duck race, which sent hundreds of rubber ducks bobbing along the Beaulieu River and raised £788 for Blood Cancer UK.

The summer party is a key date in the annual Beaulieu River events calendar, bringing together the Buckler's Hard Yacht Harbour community to catch up over a cold drink, bite to eat and live music, while enjoying the friendly atmosphere. See the fun and games here: https://youtu.be/HQVk5o0bzkE

Harbour Master Wendy Stowe said: "We've had so many lovely messages from our berth and mooring holders to say how much they enjoyed the special day. Thanks to everyone who dressed in Eighties outfits to help celebrate our theme."

Marine businesses TransEurope Marinas, Parker Adams and Associated Marine Training joined the gathering, along with boatyard contractors Reynolds Marine Interior, Marine Tec and Classic Shipwright Services who showcased their work.

Local community groups included the Countryside Education Trust, Game & Wildlife Conservation Trust, Wild New Forest, Hatchett Herd of Pedigree Dexters, Noble Bee, The New Forest Fruit Company, Beaulieu Estate and Hampshire and Isle of Wight Constabulary.

Sue and Steve from The Boatyard Bar – who open alongside weekend pop-up restaurants throughout the summer – served special wines to help the celebrations. Smoke & Taco, Chef Jan, Cottage Pizzas and New Forest Fish & Shellfish provided a choice of delicious menu options.

If you would like to join the Beaulieu River community and enjoy their full social calendar,

please contact the harbour team for the latest berths and moorings availability at harbour.office@beaulieu.co.uk or 01590 616200. To follow the latest news, visit Facebook and Instagram /beaulieuriver.

About the Beaulieu River

Buckler's Hard Yacht Harbour was ranked as one of the UK's best marinas by being placed in the top 5% of 5 Gold Anchors winners by The Yacht Harbour Association. It was also voted the best place for sailors to call home when it won the prestigious Marina of the Year title in British Yachting's awards.

At the gateway to the New Forest National Park, it provides habitats for more than 200 species of birdlife. The custodianship of the Montagu family for over four centuries has kept it special, yet it is only a short sail from the yachting hub of Cowes.

A packed events calendar offers regular opportunities to bring together new and old friends in the Beaulieu River community, while a restaurant, pub and tea shop are on the doorstep at the 18th century shipbuilding village of Buckler's Hard with its maritime museum.

For fully-serviced marina berths and river moorings availability call 01590 616200 or email harbour.office@beaulieu.co.uk.