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Visitors to Buckler's Hard this coming weekend can enjoy free tours aboard the pilot cutter Amelie Rose

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A warm welcome is promised for visitors to Buckler's Hard (near Beaulieu) this weekend (20th and 21st July 2024) with free tours aboard the pilot cutter Amelie Rose...

Buckler's Hard tells us...

(All words and images from Buckler's Hard).



Step on board the beautiful pilot cutter *Amelie Rose* for a tour and chat with her crew as part of your visit to Buckler's Hard on Saturday 20th and Sunday 21st July.

See the 2009 replica in all her newly refurbished glory, alongside her home berth at the bottom of the High Street in the historic maritime village.

[Find out more about the unique boat, with a personal invitation from her skipper owner Nicola Beck.](#) As many as 46 pilot cutters worked out of Scilly in the 19th century but all were broken up within a century. Boatbuilder Luke Powell renewed this line of powerful and sturdy cutters with their trademark lute sterns and heavy scantlings.

Nicola commissioned the *Amelie Rose* and has been sailing her as a charter boat ever since. During this time, the vessel has starred in TV's *The Hungry Sailors* as Dick Strawbridge and his son James completed a 'Clean Seas Odyssey' to combat plastic pollution, as well as featuring in the recent BBC adaptation of *Great Expectations* with filming at Buckler's Hard.



Lord Ivar Mountbatten and Mary Montagu-Scott on board *Amelie Rose* which featured in *Great Expectations*.

Buckler's Hard was the boatyard of Henry and then his son Balthazar Adams, who built warships for the Royal Navy, then revenue cutters at the turn of the 19th century – which would have been very similar in design to the *Amelie Rose*.

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Visit for free

The *Amelie Rose* will be open for Buckler's Hard visitors to step on board for free tours, from 1-3 pm on July 20 – 21.

The pilot cutter is accessible via a jetty with a ramp and due to the tides, the ramp will be



less steep earlier in the sessions. *Amelie Rose* is sadly not wheelchair accessible and you will need some mobility to climb aboard and go below deck – the ability to climb a one-metre ladder is required to get on board, with a two-metre ladder to get below deck. The crew will be on hand to lend assistance, if needed.

As the *Amelie Rose* will not be sailing, enjoy a boat trip on the [River Cruise](#) running daily from 11am – 4.30pm from the same pontoon. Tickets can be bought on board. For details and prices visit <https://bucklershard.co.uk/attractions/river-cruise/>

Visitors can now enter Buckler's Hard village for free and enjoy free access to the original [Shipwright's Cottage](#) and *HMS Agamemnon – Navigating the Legend* in the [Shipwrights Workshop](#).

New paintings have also been added to the free exhibition *The Art of Buckler's Hard*, with artworks from the Montagu family collection and *Landscape Artist of the Year* semi-finalists' pictures of Buckler's Hard in the Shipyard Office.

More artworks can be seen around the rest of the village, including [St Mary's Chapel](#) where Belinda, Lady Montagu's altar frontal features the Tree of Life which represents the New Forest oaks used for shipbuilding at Buckler's Hard.

With an admission ticket to Buckler's Hard Museum, discover more about the maritime history of the village and follow residents' stories in the exhibition of village life.

Buckler's Hard, in the heart of the New Forest, is accessible by foot, car, motorbike – or boat! A parking charge contributes to the upkeep of the historic village. For more details see www.bucklershard.co.uk or call 01590 616203.