



AHOY AGAIN!

The Popular R.U.S.T. Cup Race Series continues for 2021

Open to Everyone*

All Classes of Boat in a Short Round-the-Buoys mid-week Series

(RUST 2021 SSI's)



Come join the RUST Fleet! This fun 'round-the-buoys' series occurs every Wednesday afternoon, June - September, right in front of BYC Clubhouse! (if winds cooperate ☺). 2020 saw the most active season yet, of what has become one of the most entertaining race series on Britannia Bay & Lac Deschênes. It's now RUST's 4th season, & R.U.S.T. stands for (not very seriously) **R**etired & **U**nemployed/**U**nder-**E**mloyed **S**ailors' **T**rophy. Created specifically to be a conveniently-timed venue for (mainly retired) boat owners of all classes, to compete in short races, as a single fleet. And it is meant to be **RELAXED** racing, with minimal stress. We see polite and accommodating behaviour by skippers, and have a great social group that gets together after each race. *You don't have to be old, rusty, retired or unemployed, just free to sail on Wednesday afternoon! At end-of-season, the amazing RUST Cup itself (a leaky, worn & weathered old vessel) will be presented to the overall winner at the BYC Awards Night. To participate, register for racing as usual with your Club's registrar on your Club's standard forms (and just make sure you tick the RUST box), then inform the Volunteer RUST Cup Scorer of your intention to participate. Full details are in the 2021 RUST Cup Sailing Instruction (SI). Check BYC's website for the SI, or contact the RUST Coordinator Tony Latus at bycalias@gmail.com for more info.

More details: The start time (1420 Wednesday afternoons, normally at S-Mark) gives many boat owners their only chance to go in for a short fun race, without having to muster full crew, or spinnaker.* Solo or fully crewed, with/without spinnaker, any class of dinghy/keelboat (plus anything else that floats & sails) will be assigned an initial NHC handicap & can race successfully. You don't need a PHRF or Portsmouth number to race in RUST. **Courses:** We use any available marks (e.g.: Olympic Circle, etc.) on the Bay, 'Rabbit-Start' techniques (see below), & require no support from any Club staff. Course shapes/lengths vary according to wind strength & direction. **Your finish** occurs on crossing the line between S-mark and BYC's flagstaff, & you self-record & later report your clock time for that race. Obviously, sportsmanship & honesty are highly desirable. Also, terrorising small dinghies with massive yachts is not what RUST is about. As always, we have expert volunteers lined up as Scorer, Handicapper, Fleet Rep & Start (Rabbit) Boat for our 4th season.

A Word About the Rabbit Start: (for those not quite sure what's involved): The 'Rabbit Boat' (easily identifiable) executes a specific set of manoeuvres, as described in the SI, & provides a minute-by-minute count-down of sound signals. Once that set of pre-determined manoeuvres & signals is completed, you get a start signal & the Rabbit's wake essentially becomes your expanding start line. The line terminates after a specific number of seconds has passed, depending on the number of boats in that particular race (that's to prevent excessive crowding). *The RUST Cup SI contains full details. You can register for RUST in any configuration you like & will be handicapped accordingly, once the handicapper has the details. We really hope to see you out there. It's a lot of fun - just ask any of the crews of last year's fleet of 42 boats that signed up!!

