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## The Popular R.U.S.T. Cup Race Series continues for 2020

### Open to Everyone\*

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

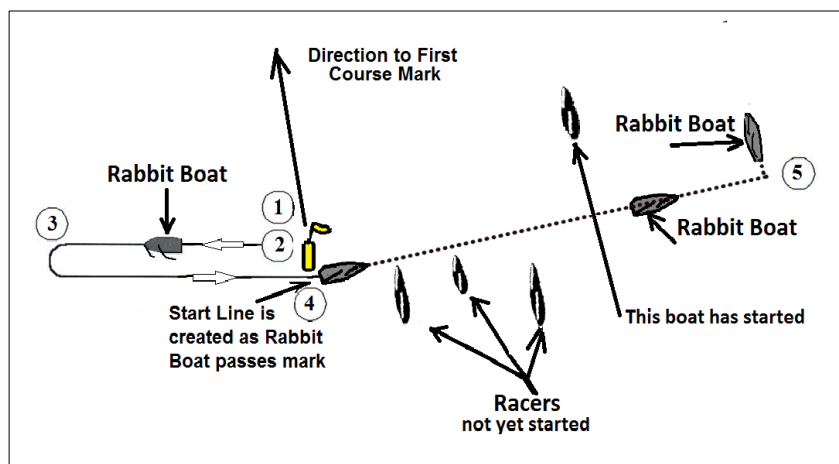
(link to 2020 RUST Cup SSI)



**Come join in!** This fun 'round-the-buoys' series occurs every Wednesday afternoon, June - September, right in front of BYC Clubhouse! (if winds cooperate ☺). 2018 saw the inauguration of what has become one of the most entertaining race series on Britannia Bay & Lac Deschênes. It's now RUST's 3<sup>rd</sup> season, & R.U.S.T. stands for (not so seriously) Retired & Unemployed/Under-Employed Sailors' Trophy). Created specifically to be a conveniently-timed venue for all boat owners of all classes to compete in short races, as a single fleet. You don't have to be old, rusty, 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 2020 RUST Cup Special Sailing Instruction (SSI). Check BYC's website for the SSI or contact the RUST Rep at (rustcupRep@byc.ca) for more info.

**More details:** The start time (1420 Wednesday afternoons 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 do not need a PHRF or Portsmouth number to race in RUST. **Courses:** We use any available permanent 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 (see below). Obviously, sportsmanship & honesty are highly desirable. Also, terrorizing 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 3<sup>rd</sup> season. Talk to some of the 2019 RUSTees around the Clubhouse. The RUST Cup is up for grabs!

**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 SSI, & 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 time, depending on the number of boats in that particular race (that's to prevent excessive crowding). The RUST Cup SSI contains the full description & time sequence. And remember, it's neither JAM nor PHRF racing; you register for RUST in any configuration you like & will be handicapped accordingly. We really hope to see you out there. It's a lot of fun - just ask the crews of last year's fleet of 37 boats that participated!!



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## Reporting Finish Times

Boats shall record the actual time on the clock (hr:min:sec) in 24 hour format (e.g. 14:56:33 not 02:58:33), using **GPS** or **Cell Phone** Time. Other time pieces may be used but require verification and synchronization with one of the above within a few hours of finishing. Competitors have some success using **RaceQS** to record finish times

Boats are also requested, though not required, to submit the following information:

- Boat Immediately Ahead:
  - Boat Name
  - Boat Type
  - Sail Number
  - Approximate time ahead
  
- Boat Immediately Behind:
  - Boat Name
  - Boat Type
  - Sail Number
  - Approximate time behind