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The New R.U.S.T Cup Race Series for 2018 is Open to Everyone*

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

Come join us! It's a fun 'round-the-buoys' series every Wednesday afternoon, June - September, right in front of BYC Clubhouse! (if winds cooperate ☺). 2018 marked the inauguration of what we hope will become one of the most enjoyable race series on Britannia Bay & Lac Deschênes. We are now at the 7th race of the Rust Cup Series' first season, and R.U.S.T. stands for (not so seriously) Retired & Unemployed/Under-Employed Sailors' Trophy). Created specifically to be a venue for all boat owners of all classes to compete in short races, as a single fleet. At end-of-season, the amazing Rust Cup itself (a truly worn & weathered old vessel) will be presented to the overall winner at the Awards Nights. To participate, register for racing with your Club's registrar on your Club's standard forms* (tick the RUST box if available), and inform the Volunteer RUST Scorer. Full details are available in the RUST Cup Specific Sailing Instruction (SSI). Check BYC's website at <https://byc.ca/sail> for the NOR/SSI, or contact the RUST Rep at (rustcupRep@byc.ca) for more info. So far, 19 boats are in the RUST-registered Fleet, and we've had 9 on the start line. Join in!

More details: Start Time 1415 Wednesdays, any class of dinghy/keelboat (plus anything else that floats & moves) that can be assigned a fair, recognized handicap. **Courses:** Using existing permanent marks (aka Olympic Circle) on the Bay, 'Rabbit-Start' techniques (see below), and requiring no support from any Club staff, expect to follow a shortened JAM Whiskey course, i.e. once around marks to port, followed by one upwind leg to the finish mark, without offsets or gates. You finish upon rounding the upwind mark for the 2nd time, and self-record/report your finish times. Obviously, sportsmanship and honesty are highly desirable, as terrorising small dinghies with massive yachts is not what this is about. But imagine this: **NEWS FLASH:** Optimist dinghy beats biggest, fanciest yacht on Britannia Bay. That's some bragging rights. We have expert volunteers for Scorer, Handicapper, Fleet Rep and Start (Rabbit) Boat. The RUST Cup is up for grabs by anyone racing on beautiful Britannia Bay.

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, and makes a minute-by-minute count-down of sound signals. Once that set of pre-determined manoeuvres is completed, you'll get a start signal and the Rabbit Boat's wake essentially becomes an expanding starting line, which terminates at a certain moment, depending on the number of boats in that particular start (that's to prevent excessive crowding). The RUST Cup SSI contains a full description and diagram. But remember, it's not JAM racing; you register for RUST in any configuration you like and will be handicapped accordingly. We really hope to see you can join us. RUST NEVER SLEEPS!!

