



Intro to RUST

The RUST Series provides a unique opportunity for all boat owners, of all classes, to compete in short races as a single fleet, every Wednesday afternoon. RUST is short for Retired and Unemployed/ Underemployed Sailors Trophy (see the SI for more details). The guiding principles of the RUST Series are to provide a relaxed and friendly racing environment, to be welcoming to novice or less experienced racers, while still remaining satisfying for all levels of racing skill. Accordingly the Series' details, as set out in the RUST SI, are neither designed nor intended to create a serious, highly-competitive event. No PHRF or Portsmouth Certificate is required, and there are no fees. Just register for racing as usual with the club registrar. RUST uses the National Handicap for Cruisers system, explained further at the link on the RUST Documents page. The fleet consists of about 50 boats, as of 2025, with some participating in every race all season, and others only occasionally. You may typically expect 12-15 boats on the start line, and in mid-summer we have seen up to 27 boats on the start line.