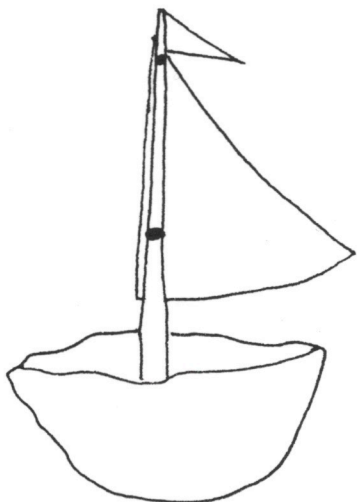


RAINBOW FLEET...The Rainbow Fleet was introduced in 1927 by the Vice Commodore of the Nantucket Yacht Club. This series of Beetle Cats, each sporting a different color sail were used as training boats for the young club members. The variety of sail colors made it easy to identify which child was in which boat. The Rainbow Fleet you saw at The Toy Boat is designed from an antique wooden Rainbow. It is made by Nantucket artists Gavin Jones and Tom Stoddart.

A Nantucket artist named H. Marshall Gardiner took a photograph of the Rainbow Fleet rounding Brant Point. It is now a famous print.



#### To Make a Rainbow Fleet

A Rainbow Fleet consists of 7 boats with 7 different colored sails, one for each color in the rainbow. To make these you will need 7 half-a-walnut shells with the walnut meat removed, toothpicks, clay, and colored paper. Push a glob of clay into the bottom of each empty shell. Cut a triangular shape that looks like a boat sail from 7 different colors. Punch tiny holes in the top and bottom of the sail with the point of a toothpick. Slide a toothpick through the holes of the paper. You have now mounted your sail on your mast. Push the bottom of the toothpick into the clay. Your boat is finished. You can sail your walnut Rainbows in a bowl of water. Blow gently on the sails and watch them move.

Have FUN!

The Toy Boat

The Rainbow Fleet is a favorite at The Toy Boat. We even use the image as a LOGO. (A LOGO is a drawing used by a business. Sometimes customers recognize an image faster than they do the name of a business.) If you ever draw, build, or create anything that looks like a Rainbow Fleet we would LOVE to see it!

