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From the BLPOA Board of Directors










Greetings, with an important message about **multi-hulled vessels** to BLPOA members:

It has recently come to our attention that there are a handful of multi-hulled sailboats on the lagoon that are prohibited by BLPOA regulations. Please reference <http://belvederelagoon.org/rules.php> and Operations & Rules of the Belvedere Lagoon, USES Section.

Multi-hulls were originally prohibited from the Lagoon in the 1970s, primarily due to being dangerous to swimmers. Many multi-hulls are able to sail at extremely high speeds, accompanied with limited mobility and compromised visibility, which resulted in unacceptable levels of danger for swimmers.

40 years later, there has been a great deal of innovation in the sailing world, especially among multi-hulls, and the BLPOA believes it is appropriate to reinforce these rules with members. The purpose of this letter is to provide guidance regarding permitted and prohibited sailboats for Lagoon use. **It should be noted that under no circumstances are sailboats in excess of 15 feet long permitted on the Lagoon.**

Please reference the illustrations of permitted and prohibited vessels below. This list is by no means comprehensive; should you be making a purchase decision on a new sailboat and be uncertain as to the appropriateness of a particular boat, please contact the BLPOA at info@belvederelagoon.org for guidance.

Permitted		Prohibited
<p>Hobie Bravo</p> 	<p>Laser (actively raced on lagoon)</p> 	
<p>Lido 14 (actively raced on lagoon)</p> 	<p>OpenBic</p> 	
<p>Optimist (SFYC youth trainer of choice)</p> 	<p>Sunfish</p> 	

Should you presently own a prohibited vessel, or any multihull comparable to them, please do not sail it on the Lagoon. If you have a question about a particular boat, please email info@belvederelagoon.org.

Thank you for making the Belvedere Lagoon a safe place for swimmers, paddlers, and sailors alike!

Sincerely,

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