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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

SECRETARY OF THE BLUE MARLIN CLASSIC BILLFISH TOURNAMENT FOUNDATION, INC.

(A Florida Not for Profit Corporation)

The undersigned persons, all whom are citizens of the United States, hereby desire to form a Non-Profit Corporation under the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act, as set forth in Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, and accordingly do hereby certify:

ARTICLE I

NAME

The name of this corporation is BLUE MARLIN CLASSIC BILLFISH TOURNAMENT FOUNDATION, INC.

ARTICLE II

The place in this State where the principal office of the corporation is to be located is 709 North Navy Boulevard, Pensacola, Escambia County, Florida 32507, which has a mailing address of P.O. Box 16550, Pensacola, Escambia County, Florida 32507.

ARTICLE III

The street address of the initial registered office of the corporation is 709 North Navy Boulevard, Pensacola, Escambia County, Florida 32507, which has a mailing address of P.O. Box

16550, Pensacola, Escambia County, Florida 32507. The name of the initial registered agent is Stephen W. House, whose mailing address is P.O. 16550, Pensacola, FL 32507.

ARTICLE IV

Said corporation is organized exclusively for charitable purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

ARTICLE V

The corporation shall have four (4) directors. The number of directors may be either increased or diminished from time to time by a method of election as stated in the By-Laws, but shall never be less than four (4). The names and addresses of the persons who are the initial directors of the corporation are as follows:

Pasco Gibson, Jr. 709 North Navy Blvd.

Pensacola, FL 32507

Stephen W. House 709 North Navy Blvd.

Pensacola, FL 32507

Laura C. House 709 North Navy Blvd.

Pensacola, FL 32507

Charles A. Niemann 709 North Navy Blvd.

Pensacola, FL 32507

ARTICLE VI

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, directors, trustees, officers or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article III hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code; or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

ARTICLE VII

Upon the dissolution of the corporation, its assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a court of competent jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purpose or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purpose.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we hav	re hereunto subscribed our names this And of	
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	PASCO GIBSON, JR. Type Where STEPHEN W. HOUSE LAURA C. HOUSE	
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STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF <u>Santa Rosa</u>		
The foregoing instrument was acknown	wledged before me this 2d day of July, 2002,	
by Pasco Gibson, Jr., as a subscribing incorp	porator to the foregoing Articles of Incorporation. He	
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identification.	Notary Public	
	Vickie S. Ochoa Commission # DD122761 Expires June 5, 2006 Bonded Thru Arlantic Bonding Co., Inc.	
STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF Santa Rosa		

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 2rd day of July, 2002, by Stephen W. House, as a subscribing incorporator to the foregoing Articles of Incorporation. He

is known to me personally or has produced FL Daires License # # 200-799-68-103-0 as identification.

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Notary Public

Vickie S. Ochoa Commission # DD122761 Expires June 5, 2006 Bonded Thru Atlantic Bonding Co., Inc.

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF Santa Rose

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this Aday of Jay, 2002, by Laura C. House, as a subscribing incorporator to the foregoing Articles of Incorporation. She is known to me personally or has produced FL Driver License # H200-523-69-788-0 as identification.

Notary Public

Vickie S. Ochoa Commission # DD122761 Expires June 5, 2006 Bonded Thru Atlantic Bonding Co., Inc.

STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF Santa Rosa

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this Anday of July, 2002, by Charles A. Niemann, as a subscribing incorporator to the foregoing Articles of Incorporation. He is known to me personally or has produced Fl. Nivel cense # N 550-141-75-446-0 as identification.

Notary Public

Vickie S. Ochoa Commission # DD122761 Expires June 5, 2006 Bonded Thru Atlantic Bonding Co., Inc.

ACCEPTANCE BY RESIDENT AGENT

Having been named to accept service of process for BLUE MARLIN CLASSIC BILLFISH TOURNAMENT FOUNDATION, INC., 709 North Navy Boulevard, Pensacola, Florida 32507, the place designated herein, I hereby accept to act in this capacity and agree to comply with the provisions of the laws of the State of Florida relative to keeping said office open and to comply with the provisions, obligations and duties provided for in Section 607.32 Florida Statutes, this the 2nd day of July , 2002.

Resident Agent

STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF <u>Santa</u> Rosa

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 2nd day of ________,

2002, by Stephen W. House, as Resident Agent of Blue Marlin Classic Billfish Tournament

Foundation, Inc., a Florida Corporation, on behalf of said corporation. He is personally known to me or has produced FL Driver (icense # H200-799-68-103-D Residentification and did not take an oath.

Notary Public

Vickie S. Ochoa Commission # DD122761 Expires June 5, 2006 Bonded Thru Atlantic Bonding Co., Inc.