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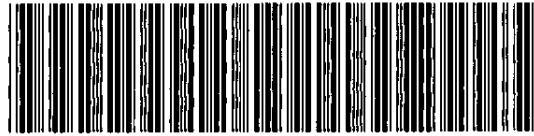
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## COVER LETTER

Department of State  
Division of Corporations  
P. O. Box 6327  
Tallahassee, FL 32314

SUBJECT: The International Marine Training Academy Inc.  
(PROPOSED CORPORATE NAME - MUST INCLUDE SUFFIX)

Enclosed is an original and one (1) copy of the Articles of Incorporation and a check for :

☐ \$70.00  
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☒ \$78.75  
Filing Fee &  
Certificate of  
Status

☐ \$78.75  
Filing Fee  
& Certified Copy

☐ \$87.50  
Filing Fee,  
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& Certificate

**ADDITIONAL COPY REQUIRED**

FROM: Ben Marich  
Name (Printed or typed)

5764 Ashton Lake Dr.  
Address

Sarasota. Florida 34231  
City, State & Zip

941-928-5913  
Daytime Telephone number

ben.marich@yahoo.com  
E-mail address: (to be used for future annual report notification)

**NOTE: Please provide the original and one copy of the articles.**

**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**  
In Compliance with Chapter 617, F.S., (Not for Profit)

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**ARTICLE I NAME**

The name of the corporation shall be:

The International Marine Training Academy Inc.

**ARTICLE II PRINCIPAL OFFICE**

The principal street address and mailing address, if different is:

5764 Ashton Lake Dr.  
Sarasota, Florida 34231

**ARTICLE III PURPOSE**

The purpose for which the corporation is organized is:

A charitable organization to raise funds for the assistance of veterans and disabled veterans.  
Also See attached article VIII regarding application for 501 (c) 3 status.

**ARTICLE IV MANNER OF ELECTION**

The manner in which the directors are elected or appointed:

Appointed

**ARTICLE V INITIAL DIRECTORS AND/OR OFFICERS**

List name(s), address(es) and specific title(s):

Ben Marich 5764 Ashton Lake Dr., Sarasota, Florida 34231  
Sarah Marich 5764 Ashton Lake Dr. Sarasota, Florida 34231  
Ben Pettinato 235 Matisse Cir. Nokomis, Florida 34275

**ARTICLE VI INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT AND STREET ADDRESS**

The name and Florida street address (P.O. Box NOT acceptable) of the registered agent is:


Ben Marich  
5764 Ashton Lake Dr.  
Sarasota, Florida 34231

**ARTICLE VII INCORPORATOR**

The name and address of the Incorporator is:

Ben Marich  
5764 Ashton Lake Dr.  
Sarasota, Florida 34231

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*Having been named as registered agent to accept service of process for the above stated corporation at the place designated in this certificate, I am familiar with and accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity.*

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature/Registered Agent

10/08/2010  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature/Incorporator

10/08/2010  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## **Article VIII**

### **Articles of Incorporation of The International Marine Training Academy, Inc.**

The undersigned, a majority of whom are citizens of the United States, desiring to form a Non-Profit Corporation under the Non-Profit Corporation Laws of Florida, do hereby certify:

**First:** The name of the Corporation shall be The International Marine Training Academy Inc.

**Second:** The place in this state where the principal office of the Corporation is to be located is the City of Sarasota, Sarasota County.

**Third:** Said corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, and scientific 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.

**Fourth:** The names and addresses of the persons who are the initial trustees of the corporation are as follows:

Ben Marich, 5764 Ashton Lake Dr. Sarasota, Florida 34231

Sarah Marich, 5764 Ashton Lake Dr. Sarasota, Florida 34231

Ben Pettinato 235 Matisse Cir. E. Nokomis, Florida 34275

**Fifth:** No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, 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 Third 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.

If reference to federal law in articles of incorporation imposes a limitation that is invalid in your state, you may wish to substitute the following for the last sentence of the preceding paragraph: "Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, this corporation shall not, except to an insubstantial degree, engage in any activities or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of the purposes of this corporation."

**Sixth:** Upon the dissolution of the corporation, 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 purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

In witness whereof, we have hereunto subscribed our names this day of 8<sup>th</sup> October 2010.

The following items are important for making your nonprofit status clear and obtaining tax-exemption from the IRS. You should include separate statements indicating that the organization:

**is not for-profit:**

*No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, 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 the Statement of Purpose hereof. The property of this corporation is irrevocably dedicated to [your 501(c)(3) exempt purpose(s)] and no part of the net income or assets of this corporation shall ever inure to the benefit of any director, officer, or member thereof, or to the benefit of any private individual.*

**will not engage in prohibited political and legislative activity under 501(c)(3):**

*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, this corporation shall not, except to an insubstantial degree, engage in any activities or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of the purposes of this corporation.*

**if dissolved, will distribute its assets within the meaning of 501(c)(3):**

*Upon the dissolution of the corporation, 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.*

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## **ARTICLE IX**

**The effective date shall be January 1, 2011.**