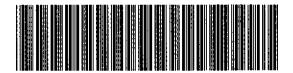
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Department of State **Division of Corporations** P. O. Box 6327 Tallahassee, FL 32314

SUBJECT: Florida Commodores Association Foundation, 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 \$78.75 Filing Fee

Filing Fee & Certificate of Status

\$78.75 Filing Fee & Certified Copy \$87.50 Filing Fee, Certified Copy & Certificate

ADDITIONAL COPY REQUIRED

Thomas G Reynolds, III

Name (Printed or typed)

4323 American Poets Dr

Address

Niceville, FL 32578

City, State & Zip

850 897-7323

Daytime Telephone number

t.reynolds@ieee.org

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 of Florida Commodores Association Foundation

The undersigned incorporator is a United States citizen 18 years of age or older and adopts the following articles of incorporation to form a not for profit corporation under the Florida Non-Profit Corporation Act (FS Chapter 617).

Article I - Name

The name of this corporation shall be Florida Commodores Association Foundation, Inc.

Article II - Registered Office Address

The place in Florida where the principal office of the corporation is to be located at 4323 American Poets Drive, Niceville, Florida, 32578.

Article III - Purpose

This corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, and scientific purposes as specified in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, 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.

The purpose of this corporation is:

- (a) To promote, train and advance leadership in yacht clubs and yachting organizations that are recognized as exempt from federal income taxation as organizations described in Section 501 (c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954;
- (b) To encourage and promote the safe boating by amateur sailors and, in particular, to foster local, regional, state, national and international sports competition, either directly or by contributions to organizations that are recognized as exempt from federal income taxation as organizations described in Section 50l (c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954;
- (c) To promote, publicize, and support individuals already involved in competition and desiring to advance to national, international or Olympic competition;
- (d) To do any and all things deemed necessary, suitable, convenient or appropriate in connection with or incidental to the accomplishment of the purposes of the Corporation to the extent not forbidden by statute, by this certificate of incorporation or the bylaws of this Corporation.
- (e) To function as a non-profit charitable foundation and, as such, to receive, hold, and administer funds, securities, gifts, and bequests, and to use, disburse or donate the income or principal thereof for the purposes as set forth above.

(f) To fund and/or reimburse the expense and/or cost of competitors selected to participate in including, but not being limited to, competition amongst members of the member clubs belonging to the Florida Commodores Association,Inc., other Florida Yacht Clubs, and recognized regional, national and international associations

Article IV - Exemption Requirements

At all times the following shall operate as conditions restricting the operations and activities of the corporation:

- 1. No part of the net earnings of the organization shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that organization shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purpose set forth in the purpose clause hereof.
- 2. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall constitute the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, or any initiative or referendum before the public, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including by publication or distribution of statements), any political campaign on behalf of, or in opposition to, any candidate for public office.
- 3. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this document, the organization shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or corresponding section of any future tax code, or by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future tax code.

Article V - Board of Directors

This members of this corporation shall be the directors.

The management of the affairs of the corporation shall be vested in a board of directors, as defined by the corporation's bylaws. No director shall have any right, title, or interest in or to any property of the corporation.

The number of directors constituting the initial Offices and/or Directors is (05); their names and addresses are as follows:

Larry Kimmerling, Chairman 17900 Gulf Blvd Redington Shores, Florida 33708

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John Matthews, Vice Chairman 5119 Chandelle Drive Pensacola, Florida 32507

Philip Bouckaert, Secretary 12 Ironwood Way Palm Beach Gardens, Florida 33418

Thomas Reynolds, Treasurer 4323 American Poets Drive Niceville, Florida 32578

M Jack Kennedy, Director P O Box 27774 Panama City, Florida 32411

Members of the initial board of directors shall serve until the first annual meeting, at which their successors will be duly elected and qualified, or removed as provided in the bylaws.

Article VI - Personal Liability

No member, officer, or director of this corporation shall be personally liable for the debts or obligations of this corporation of any nature whatsoever, nor shall any of the property of the members, officers, or directors be subject to the payment of the debts or obligations of this corporation.

Article VII - Duration/Dissolution

The duration of the corporate existence shall be perpetual until dissolution. Upon the dissolution of the organization, assets of the corporation shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or 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.

Article VIII - Registered Agent

The name and address of the Registered Agent is:

Name: Address: Thomas G Reynolds, III 4323 American Poets Drive

Niceville, Florida 32578

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 of registered agent

Article IX - Incorporator

The name and address of the Incorporator is:

Name: Address: Thomas G Reynolds, III 4323 American Poets Drive

Niceville, Florida 32578

In witness whereof, I, the undersigned, have hereunto subscribed my name for the purpose of forming the corporation under the laws of the State of Florida. I submit this document and affirm that the facts stated herein are true. I am aware that any false information submitted in a document to the Department of State constitutes a third degree felony as provided for in s.817.155, F.S.

signature of Incorporator