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## COVER LETTER

Department of State  
Division of Corporations  
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**SUBJECT:** Boating Education, Search and Rescue, and Friends of the Environment, Inc.  
(PROPOSED CORPORATE NAME – MUST INCLUDE SUFFIX)

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

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**ADDITIONAL COPY REQUIRED**

**FROM: Manuel Sosa Jr**  
Name (Printed or typed)

**511 Harbor Drive**  
Address

**Belleair Beach, FL 33786**  
City, State & Zip

**727-593-3959**  
Daytime Telephone number

**mannyjr@verizon.net**  
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)

### ARTICLE I. NAME

The name of the corporation shall be: BOATING EDUCATION, SEARCH AND RESCUE,  
AND FRIENDS OF THE ENVIRONMENT INC.

### ARTICLE II. PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The principal place of business and mailing address of this corporation shall be:

Principal Street Address

Mailing Address, if different

511 Harbor Drive

Belleair Beach, FL 33786

### ARTICLE III. PURPOSE

The corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, educational, and scientific purposes within the meaning of section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law. Such purposes include, but are not limited to:

- a. To educate the public in safety of life at sea and upon the navigable waters; to promote efficiency in the operation of boats and yachts; to foster a wider knowledge of and better compliance with the laws, rules and regulations governing the operation of boats and yachts; to educate and train personnel skilled in the handling of boats and yachts; to promote environmental awareness and protection of marine life; to educate and train personnel in the missions, usage and customs of the United States Coast Guard and the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary; and to provide funding to Flotilla 11-1, United States Coast Guard Auxiliary in the performance of its missions;
- b. To accept State grants and funding which cannot be given directly to Flotilla 11-1; and to accept contributions, grants, gifts, devises/bequests, and funding to further the purposes of the corporation;
- c. To hold title to real and personal property appropriate for use by Flotilla 11-1 in the performance of its missions; purchase, acquire, hold, lease or otherwise acquire, hold, mortgage, pledge and dispose of real, personal and mixed property; provide for the ownership of buildings, motor vehicles, aircraft, vessels, motors, communication systems (radios, computers, etc.), and trailers (vessel, storage, communications, etc.) for use by Flotilla 11-1 in the performance of its missions; and obtain and hold copyrights, patents, trademarks, and service marks;
- d. To borrow money and to secure the payment thereof in any manner permitted by law; to improve, manage, and operate real and personal property owned or held by said Corporation, by constructing or erecting thereon classrooms or other structures to be occupied by said Corporation, and for any other purpose which might be advantageous to the promotion of the objects of this Corporation;

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- e. To engage in and transact any and all lawful business within and without the State of Florida for which corporations not for profit may be incorporated under Chapter 617, Florida Statutes as amended and supplemented. No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to its members, trustees, directors, 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 section 501 (c) (3) purposes. No 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.

#### **ARTICLE IV. MANNER OF ELECTION**

The manner in which the directors are elected or appointed shall be as set forth in the bylaws of the corporation.

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

The names, addresses and specific titles of the initial Directors and Officers are:

Name and Title: Manuel Sosa Jr., President

Address: 511 Harbor Drive  
Belleair Beach, FL 33786

Name and Title: Karen L. Miller, Treasurer

Address: 2931 Buttonbush Court  
Palm Harbor, FL 34684

Name and Title: Ann Bennett, Secretary

Address: 10125 Sailwinds Blvd N #104  
Largo, FL 33773

#### **ARTICLE VI. REGISTERED AGENT AND STREET ADDRESS**

The street address of the corporation's initial registered office and the name of its initial registered agent at that address is:

Name: Manuel Sosa Jr.

Address: 511 Harbor Drive  
Belleair Beach, FL 33786

## ARTICLE VII. INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the Incorporator is:

Name: Manuel Sosa Jr.

Address: 511 Harbor Drive

Belleair Beach, FL 33786

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## ARTICLE VIII. DISSOLUTION

This Corporation shall have perpetual existence. In the event of dissolution of the corporation, however, all of the assets of the said corporation remaining after payment of all outstanding obligations and indebtedness of the corporation, shall be distributed by the Board of Directors, to organization(s) which have qualified for exemption under Section 501(c) 3 of the IRS code, and which have similar purposes. As an example, such an entity is the Coast Guard Auxiliary Association, Inc. Further; none of the assets will be distributed to any member, officer, director, trustee, or employee of this corporation.

## ARTICLE IX. DEBT OBLIGATIONS AND 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.

*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.*

Manuel Sosa Jr.  
Required Signature of Registered Agent

12/21/2014  
Date

*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.*

Manuel Sosa Jr.  
Required Signature of Incorporator

12/21/2014  
Date