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# ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF ROWING FOR LIFE, INC.

#### A Corporation Not for Profit Under Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes

In order to form a corporation under and in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, I hereby make, adopt, and subscribe the following Articles of Incorporation:

### I. NAME OF CORPORATION

The name of this corporation shall be:

Rowing For Life, Inc.

The principal address and the mailing address of the corporation shall be:

4067B S. Tamiami Trail Sarasota, FL 34231-3623

# II. PURPOSE OF CORPORATION

The purposes for which the corporation is organized are exclusively charitable, scientific, literary, and educational within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding section of any United States Internal Revenue Law.

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 purpose clause 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 organization shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this document, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by an organization exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Tax Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

The specific nature, objects, and purposes of the corporation are:

To promote a healthy lifestyle through the benefits of rowing;

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- to encourage and facilitate the interaction between youth rowers and adult rowers:
- to increase the opportunities for people of all ages to become familiar with and learn the art of rowing; and
- to encourage mentoring and veterans, adaptive, elite, senior, learn to row, youth and multigenerational recreational rowing programs.

#### III. MEMBERS

The corporation shall not have members.

#### IV. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The affairs of the corporation shall be managed by a board of directors consisting of persons as determined pursuant to provisions of the Bylaws. The method of election of directors shall be as stated in the Bylaws.

### V. INITIAL OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Director

The names and addresses of the initial officers and directors of the corporation are as follows:

Randall L. Higel -223 Lakeshore Dr.

Nokomis, FL 34275

Mary Chadsey - Director

8339 Midnight Pass Rd. Sarasota, FL 34242

Norman A. Thetford - Director 183 Willow Bend Way Osprey, FL 34229

#### VI. CORPORATE EXISTENCE

The existence of this corporation shall be perpetual, unless dissolved according to law. Distributions upon the dissolution of the corporation shall be made according to the terms set forth in Article XI.

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#### VII. BYLAWS

The first board of directors of the corporation shall adopt Bylaws consistent with these Articles of Incorporation. Thereafter, the Bylaws may be altered, amended or rescinded by the directors in the manner provided by such Bylaws.

#### VIII. REGISTERED OFFICE

The street address of the initial registered office of the corporation is 4087B S. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota, Florida 34231-3623, and the name of the initial registered agent of this corporation at that address is Mary Chadsey.

## IX. INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the Incorporator to these Articles of Incorporation is Norman A. Thetford, 183 Willow Bend Way, Osprey, FL 34229.

#### X. COMMITTEES

The corporation may establish such committees as may be necessary to efficiently carry out the general purposes and activities of the corporation.

### XI. DISTRIBUTION UPON DISSOLUTION

Upon the dissolution of the corporation, the board of directors shall, after paying or making provisions for the payment of all of the liabilities of the corporation, dispose of all of the assets of the corporation exclusively for the purposes for which this corporation was organized to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended, (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law) or an organization or organizations, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(1) or (2) of the Internal Revenue Law.

### XII. AMENDMENT

This corporation reserves the right to amend, alter, change or repeal any provisions contained in these Articles of Incorporation, or any amendment hereto, in the manner provided in the Bylaws.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned Incorporator has executed these Articles of Incorporation this  $\underline{\mathcal{Q}}$  day of March 2017.

Norman A. Thetford

Incorporator

#### ACCEPTANCE OF APPOINTMENT BY REGISTERED AGENT

The undersigned, hereby consents to the appointment as Registered Agent and to accept service of process upon said corporation in this state. The undersigned is familiar with, and accepts, the obligations of this position.

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Mary Chadsey Registered Agent

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Mary Chadsay Registered Agent

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