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The undersigned hereby organizes a not for profit corporation under the provisions of the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act, and pursuant to the following Articles of Incorporation:

## ARTICLE 1

#### <u>Name</u>

The name of the corporation is St. Petersburg Sailing Center, Inc. (hereinafter the "Corporation").

#### **ARTICLE 2**

#### Principal Office and Mailing Address

The address of the principal office and the mailing address of the Corporation is 11 Central Avenue, St. Petersburg, FL 33701.

## ARTICLE 3

## <u>Purpose</u>

The Corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, and scientific purposes, including, in particular, encouragement and support of the sport of sailing and sailing education for all ages, through sailing skills and safety instruction, competitions such as regattas, access to sailing facilities and equipment, and encouragement of participation in nautical activities, as well as the making of distributions in support of such purposes to

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organizations that qualify as exempt organizations described under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

## **ARTICLE 4**

#### Board of Directors

This Corporation initially shall have four (4) directors. The number of directors may be either increased or decreased from time to time in the manner provided in the bylaws but shall never be less than three (3). The method of appointment of directors shall be as stated in the bylaws of the Corporation, but such appointment power shall be vested in the members and such appointment shall occur no less frequently than every two (2) years. The names and addresses of the initial directors of this Corporation are:

Joseph DiVito 11 Central Avenue St. Petersburg, FL 33701

Kevin Cross 11 Central Avenue St. Petersburg, FL 33701

Christian Bergstrom 11 Central Avenue St. Petersburg, FL 33701

Scott Boyle 11 Central Avenue St. Petersburg, FL 33701

#### **ARTICLE 5**

#### Members

This Corporation initially shall have one (1) member. The number of members may be either increased or decreased from time to time in the manner provided in the bylaws. The

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method of appointment of members shall be as stated in the bylaws of the Corporation. The names and address of the initial member of the Corporation is:

St. Petersburg Yacht Club, a Florida not for profit corporation 11 Central Ave. St. Petersburg, Florida 33701

#### ARTICLE 6

#### **Powers**

This Corporation shall have all the powers given to a not for profit corporation by the Florida Statutes, to the extent consistent with these Articles of Incorporation and the bylaws of the Corporation. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, this organization shall not carry on any 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 of 1986, as amended, or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law.

#### ARTICLE 7

#### Incorporator

The name and address of the person signing these Articles of Incorporation is David L. Koche, 601 Bayshore Blvd., Suite 700, Tampa, Florida 33606.

#### ARTICLE 8

## Initial Registered Office and Agent

The initial registered office of the Corporation shall be 11 Central Avenue, St. Petersburg, FL 33701. The initial registered agent at such address shall be Rhett Robicheaux.

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#### **ARTICLE 9**

#### Duration

This Corporation shall have perpetual existence, commencing upon filing.

## ARTICLE 10

## Indemnification

This Corporation shall indemnify any officer or director, or any former officer or director, to the fullest extent permitted by law.

#### ARTICLE II

#### **Bylaws**

The members shall adopt initial byławs of the Corporation. The power to alter, amend or repeal the bylaws, or to adopt new bylaws, shall be vested in the members of the Corporation.

#### ARTICLE 12

## Distribution of Assets

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 its charitable purpose. 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 publication or distribution of statements), any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. The Corporation shall not conduct any activities not permitted to be carried on by a

corporation exempt from federal income taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or any corresponding provision of any federal income tax law enacted in substitution of that Code, or by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Sections 170(a) and 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or any corresponding provision of any federal income tax law enacted in substitution of that Code.

#### ARTICLE 13

#### Distribution of Assets Upon Liquidation

Upon the dissolution of the Corporation, its assets shall be distributed to one or more exempt organizations described in sections 170(c)(2), 2055(a) and 2522(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or any corresponding provision of any federal income tax law enacted in substitution of that Code, and selected by the board of directors in its sole discretion. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a court of competent jurisdiction of the county in which the principle office of the Corporation is then located, exclusively for exempt purposes within the meaning of 501(c)(3) or to such organization or organizations, as said court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

#### **ARTICLE 14**

## Avoidance of Private Foundation Taxes

The Corporation is prohibited from engaging in any act of self-dealing, from retaining any excess business holdings, from making or retaining any investments, and from making any taxable expenditures, that would subject the Corporation or any person to tax under Sections 4941(d), 4943, 4944, or 4945(d) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, respectively, or corresponding

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provisions of any subsequent federal income tax law. The corporation shall make distributions at such time and in such manner as not to subject it to tax under Section 4942 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal income tax law.

#### ARTICLE 15

## Amendment to Articles

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended in the following manner: The Board of Directors shall adopt a resolution setting forth the proposed amendment and directing that it be submitted to a vote of the members of at either the annual meeting or a special meeting. Notice setting forth the proposed amendment shall be given to each member entitled to vote thereon at such meeting. The proposed amendment shall be adopted upon the affirmative vote of a majority of the votes of members entitled to vote thereon.

[Signature page follows.]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned incorporator has executed these Articles of

Incorporation this 19 day of Dec 2023.

DAVID L. KOCHE, Incorporator

## ACCEPTANCE OF REGISTERED AGENT

Having been named as Registered Agent to accept service of process for St. Petersburg Sailing Center, Inc. at the place designated in the Articles of Incorporation, I am familiar with and accept the appointment as Registered Agent and agree to act in this capacity.

Executed this 14 day of Decan Dec. 2023.

Registered Agent