

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
FLORIDA SEA KAYAKING ASSOCIATION, INC.
Revised 2/06/2018

In compliance with Chapter 617 of the State of Florida Statutes:

ARTICLE I NAME:

The name of the organization shall be the **FLORIDA SEA KAYAKING ASSOCIATION, INC.** (Hereinafter referred to as “**FSKA**”).

ARTICLE II PRINCIPAL OFFICE:

The principal office of FSKA shall be located in Florida in such place as the FSKA's officers may designate. The initial mailing address shall be c/o Larry Gordon, 6863 San Sebastian Ave., Jacksonville, FL 32217.

ARTICLE III PURPOSE:

The FSKA is to be incorporated under the laws of the State of Florida. FSKA is a nonprofit corporation, organized solely for charitable, educational, civic and social purposes pursuant to the Florida Not for Profit Corporation Act as set forth in Section 617 of the Florida Statutes and for those purposes allowed an exempt organization under Section 501(c)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code and its regulations as they now exist, and they may hereafter be amended. FSKA shall be covered by a liability insurance policy as determined appropriate by Board of Directors. Furthermore, FSKA shall own no real property, shall not have paid positions and acknowledge no liabilities.

No part of the revenues or assets of FSKA shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to the officers, members, or any other person(s), except that FSKA shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for expenses rendered to individuals or businesses and to make payments and distributions as set forth in the FSKA By-laws.

The purposes for which FSKA is formed are as follows:

1. to encourage and promote interest in sea kayaking and provide a social situation for those with similar interests in sea kayaking.
2. to conduct kayaking trips and other activities for the social and/or recreational benefit of its members.

3. to urge members and participants in FSKA 's activities to do so safely.
4. to do all in its power to protect and advance interest in kayaking as a group recreation and social activity.
5. to organize exclusively for pleasure, recreation and other non-profitable purposes of its members, substantially all of the activities of which are for such purposes.
6. to operate exclusively in any other manner for such charitable, civic and social purposes as will qualify it as an exempt organization under Section 501(c)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1953, as amended, or under any corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws, covering the distributions to organizations qualified as tax exempt organizations under the Internal Revenue Code, as amended.
7. to have unlimited power to engage in and do any lawful act consistent with the FSKA's nonprofit tax-exempt status.

ARTICLE IV MANNER OF ELECTION:

The Board of Directors shall be made up of both Elected and Appointed Officers. The Elected Officers shall be made up of President, Vice President, and Treasurer, elected annually for one-year terms, in accordance with the procedures set forth in the Bylaws.

Appointed Officers may be chosen by the President and shall be the Directors of Working Committees, as needed.

ARTICLE V AMENDMENT OF ARTICLES:

Amendments to these Articles may be in accordance with the provisions set forth in the Bylaws of FSKA.

ARTICLE VI AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS:

Subject to the limitations contained in the Bylaws, and any limitations set forth in the Florida Not for Profit Corporation Act, concerning corporate action that must be authorized or approved by the members of FSKA. Bylaws of FSKA may be altered, rescinded, added to, or new Bylaws may be adopted in accordance with the procedures set forth in the Bylaws.

ARTICLE VII MISCELLANEOUS

Conflicts. In the case of any conflict between these Articles and the Bylaws, the Articles shall control.

Governing Law. These Articles shall be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida.

Headings. The headings in these Articles are solely for convenience of reference and shall be given no effect in the construction or interpretation of these Articles.

ARTICLE VIII INITIAL OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS:

Initial Officers shall be comprised of five persons, who are as follows:

1. President: Larry Gordon, 6863 San Sebastian Ave., Jacksonville, FL 32217
2. Vice President/Secretary: Bruce Meier, 3068 Merlin Dr N Jacksonville, FL 32257-5830
3. Treasurer: Mike Ansell, 9749 Geiger Rd., Jacksonville, FL 32246
4. Training Committee Director: Dana Decker, 445 Tabor Dr E, Jacksonville, FL 32216
5. Rules Committee Director: Franklin Dickinson, 60 A North Roscoe Blvd., Ponte Vedra, FL 32082
6. Promotion and Membership Director: Kathy Bortz, 2708 Shawnee Way, Jacksonville, FL 32259

ARTICLE IX INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT AND STREET ADDRESS:

The name and Florida street address of the Registered Agent is:

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City/Zip Code: _____

ARTICLE X INCORPORATOR:

The name and Florida street address of the Incorporator is:

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City/Zip Code: _____

Having been named as registered agent to accept service of process for the Florida Sea Kayaking Association 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

Date

Signature/Incorporator

Date