

# Articles of Incorporation

## Cincinnati Area Reef Enthusiasts

**Articles of Incorporation** of the undersigned desiring to form a Non-Profit Corporation under the Non-Profit Corporation Law of the State of Ohio, do hereby certify:

### ARTICLE I

#### NAME/REGISTERED OFFICE

The name of this corporation shall be **Cincinnati Area Reef Enthusiasts (C.A.R.E.)**, hereinafter referred to as the "Corporation". The street address of the Principle Office of the Corporation in Ohio is Cincinnati Area Reef Enthusiasts, c/o Denise Hore, 426 East Stoneridge Drive, Milford, Ohio 45150.

The name of the Resident Agent of the Corporation in Ohio is Denise Hore, a resident of the State of Ohio, whose address is 426 East Stoneridge Drive, Milford, OH 45150

### ARTICLE II

#### PURPOSE

The Corporation shall be operated exclusively as a social and recreation club within the meaning of § 501 (c) (7) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as now in effect or as may hereafter be amended (the "Code"). The purpose for which the Corporation is formed is to unite reef hobbyists, promote a healthy and friendly environment for hobbyists to learn and explore said hobby. Educating each other and others through meetings and volunteering opportunities.

Except as otherwise provided by law, or in any Bylaw of the Corporation, the business of the Corporation shall be managed by and all of the powers of the Corporation shall be exercised by the Board of Directors of the Corporation.

### ARTICLE III

#### EXEMPTION REQUIREMENTS

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 Article II 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 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, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code. 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

### MEMBERSHIP

The Corporation shall have premium membership. A premium membership entitles the member to participate in activities sponsored by the Corporation. A premium member may bring a guest or immediate family to a Corporation event when appropriate. Each premium member is entitled to a single vote in the election of Board members and on other business of the Corporation consistent with its Bylaws.

## ARTICLE V

### 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 VI

### DISSOLUTION

Upon the dissolution of the corporation, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the 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. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a Court of Competent Jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

## ARTICLE VII

### INCORPORATORS

Initial Trustees to the Corporation and therefore the incorporators are as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
President: Paul Schultes	460 Samoht Ridge, Cincinnati, OH 452381239
Vice President: Ricky Turner	Franklin Street, Hamilton, OH 45013
Treasurer: Denise Hore	426 East Stoneridge Drive, Milford, OH 45150

The undersigned incorporators certify that they execute these articles for the purposes herein stated.

President: Paul Schultes

Vice President: Ricky Turner

Treasurer: Denise Hore

# STATE OF OHIO CERTIFICATE

Ohio Secretary of State, Jon Husted

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It is hereby certified that the Secretary of State of Ohio has custody of the business records for

**CINCINNATI AREA REEF ENTHUSIASTS**

and, that said business records show the filing and recording of:

Document(s):

**DOMESTIC NONPROFIT CORP - ARTICLES**

Document No(s):

**201236601072**



United States of America  
State of Ohio  
Office of the Secretary of State

Witness my hand and the seal of the  
Secretary of State at Columbus, Ohio  
this 27th day of December, A.D.  
2012.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jon Husted".

Ohio Secretary of State