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CAPInv. 2118: Samothraikiastai Soteriastai Aristobouliastai

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I. LOCATION

i. Geographical area	Aegean Islands
ii. Region	Rhodes
iii. Site	Rhodos

II. NAME

i. Full name (original language)	Σαμοθραικιασταί Σωτηριασταί Ἀριστοβουλιασταί
ii. Full name (transliterated)	<i>Samothraikiastai Soteriastai Aristobouliastai</i>

III. DATE

i. Date(s)	ii BC
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IV. NAME AND TERMINOLOGY

ii. Name elements	Cultic:	Σαμοθραικισαί, <i>Samothraikiastai</i> - worshippers of the Samothracian gods. It is likely that the association of Samothraikiastai were connected to the mystery cult on the island, yet it remains uncertain whether all members were initiated into the Samothracian Mysteries. The associations of the Samothraikiastai were prominent in their role in protecting sailors (cf. Cole, 1984, 85-6).
	Theophoric:	Ἀριστοβουλιασταί, <i>Aristobouliastai</i> - From the epithet of the goddess Artemis (Morrelli, <i>I culti in Rodi</i> [Pisa, 1959], 28-33, 112-15). Σωτηριασταί, <i>Diossoteriastai</i> - From Zeus, specifically the epithet Σωτηρ, Soter (Morelli, <i>ibid.</i> [Pisa, 1959] 46-52, 136-147).
iii. Descriptive terms	[τὸ] κοινόν, <i>to koinon</i>	

V. SOURCES

i. Source(s)	IG XII,1 163
Online Resources	IG XII,1 163 AGRW no. 12541
i.a. Source type(s)	Epigraphic source(s)

XIII. EVALUATION

i. Private association	Certain
Note	The descriptive term <i>koinon</i> (κοινόν), used together with theophoric name elements, guarantees the private character of the association.