

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
UNITED STATES COAST GUARD**

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD,)	
Complainant,)	
)	Docket Number: 2024-0411
vs.)	
)	Enforcement Activity Number: 7977857
RODNEY CHARLES ALLEN ANTHONY JR,)	
Respondent.)	

ADMISSION ORDER

Issued: September 11, 2024

By Order of Chief Administrative Law Judge: Hon. Walter J. Brudzinski

Appearances:

For the Coast Guard

Jason U. Bartholomew
USCG Sector Detroit

For the Respondent

Rodney Charles Allen Anthony Jr., *Pro se*

DECISION AND ORDER

The United States Coast Guard Sector Detroit issued a Complaint against Rodney Charles Allen Anthony Jr. (Respondent) on August 22, 2024, alleging a violation of misconduct under 46 U.S.C. § 7703(1)(B) and 46 C.F.R. § 5.27. Specifically, the Coast Guard alleges on September 8, 2023, Respondent was an employee of Norwegian Cruise Line and subject to its policies. Norwegian Cruise Line had a policy prohibiting employees from having a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) at or above 0.04 while onboard the PRIDE OF AMERICA. On September 8, 2023, Respondent had a BAC greater than 0.04 while onboard the PRIDE OF AMERICA, in violation of Norwegian Cruise Line's Drug and Alcohol Policy.

Respondent's violation of Norwegian Cruise Line's Drug and Alcohol Policy is misconduct as described by 46 U.S.C. § 7703(1)(B) and defined by 46 C.F.R. § 5.27. The Coast Guard proposes a sanction of four (4) months of outright suspension of Respondent's Merchant Mariner Credential (credential).

In Respondent's Answer, dated August 29, 2024, he admits to all jurisdictional and factual allegations, and agrees with the proposed sanction.¹

WHEREFORE,

¹ In his Answer, Respondent inadvertently stated he "agrees with the proposed location" in Line Item 4, while Line Item 4 relates to the proposed sanction. The Coast Guard Investigating Officer clarified with Respondent through an email on September 3, 2024, that he agrees with the proposed sanction of four months of suspension.

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Respondent's violations of misconduct under 46 U.S.C. § 7703(1)(B) and 46 C.F.R. § 5.27 are **PROVED BY ANSWER**. I have carefully reviewed the file and find that the proposed sanction is appropriate under the provisions of 46 C.F.R. § 5.569.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Respondent's Merchant Mariner Credential is **SUSPENDED OUTRIGHT FOR FOUR (4) MONTHS**, commencing on the date Respondent deposits his credential with the Coast Guard.

Done and dated September 11, 2024
New York, NY



HON. WALTER J. BRUDZINSKI
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE
UNITED STATES COAST GUARD