

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
UNITED STATES COAST GUARD**

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Complainant

vs.

SEBASTIAN JASON CLAEYS,

Respondent.

**Docket Number 2023-0310
Enforcement Activity Number 7758787**

ADMISSION ORDER

Issued: September 6, 2023

By Administrative Law Judge: Honorable George J. Jordan

Appearances:

**LT. HUNTER S. MORRIS
Investigating Officer
Sector Los Angeles-Long Beach
For the Coast Guard**

**SEBASTIAN JASON CLAEYS, *Pro se*
For the Respondent**

DECISION AND ORDER

On August 31, 2023, the United States Coast Guard (Coast Guard) initiated this administrative action seeking Three (3) Months' Outright Suspension of Merchant Mariner's License Number [REDACTED] issued to Sebastian Jason Claeys (Respondent) by issuing a Complaint alleging Respondent violated a regulation, pursuant to the legal authority contained in 46 U.S.C. § 7703(1)(A) and defined by 46 CFR § 5.33.

In support of the Complaint, the Coast Guard specifically alleges Respondent:

1. The WET DREAMS BY BOAT AND BOTTLE (ON 1277254), is documented vessel of less than 100 gross tons.
2. On July 8, 2023, the WET DREAMS BY BOAT AND BOTTLE did not have a valid Certificate of Inspection, as described by 46 U.S.C. § 3309.
3. On July 8, 2023, at approximately 11:10 a.m., local time, Respondent operated the WET DREAMS BY BOAT AND BOTTLE as the person in charge, while underway on San Pedro Channel, CA, a navigable waterway of the United States, with more than 6 passengers on board, at least one of which was a passenger for hire, in violation of 46 C.F.R. § 176.100(a).
4. Violation of C.F.R. § 176.100(a) is a violation of regulation, as described by 46 U.S.C. § 7703(1)(A), as defined by 46 C.F.R. § 5.33.

After the complaint had been filed, Respondent filed an Answer admitting to all the jurisdictional and factual allegations and indicating they agreed with the proposed order of Three (3) Months' Outright Suspension, with no additional conditions requested. The Chief Administrative Law Judge assigned the matter to the undersigned Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) on September 5, 2023.

WHEREFORE,

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Respondent's violation of law or regulation under 46 U.S.C. § 7703(1)(A) and 46 C.F.R. § 5.33 is **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 THREE (3) MONTHS**, commencing on August 31, 2023, the date it was deposited with the Coast Guard.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, service of this Decision on the parties and/or parties' representative(s) serves as notice of appeal rights set forth in 33 C.F.R. §§ 20.1001 – 20.1004. (Attachment A).

Done and dated September 6, 2023,
Seattle, WA

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "George J. Jordan", is written over a horizontal line.

HON. GEORGE J. JORDAN
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE
UNITED STATES COAST GUARD