

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

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**Complainant**

**vs.**

**SEAN EMERY CONROY,**

**Respondent.**

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**Docket Number 2024-0220  
Enforcement Activity Number 7874574**

**ADMISSION ORDER**

**Issued: May 23, 2024**

**By Administrative Law Judge: Honorable George J. Jordan**

**Appearances:**

**LT Brian Christina  
Marine Safety Team Maui  
Sector Honolulu  
For the Coast Guard**

**Sean Emery Conroy, *Pro se*  
For the Respondent**

## **DECISION AND ORDER**

On May 2, 2024, United States Coast Guard Marine Safety Team Maui, Sector Honolulu (Coast Guard) issued a Complaint against Sean Emery Conroy (Respondent) alleging negligence as described by 46 U.S.C. § 7703(1)(B) and defined by 46 C.F.R. § 5.29.

Specifically, the Coast Guard alleges that on January 22, 2024:

1. At approximately 0500 Hawaiian Standard Time (HST), Respondent had direction and control of the Small Passenger Vessel (SPV) EXPEDITIONS FIVE (O.N. 1192624), while underway upon the Pacific Ocean south of Ma'alaea Harbor, Maui, Hawaii.
2. At approximately 0500 HST, Respondent unintentionally grounded the EXPEDITIONS FIVE at 20°47.635N/156°30.413W (approximately 500 yards east of Ma'alaea Harbor along the shoreline), a well chartered area.
3. Respondent's grounding of the EXPEDITIONS FIVE in a well chartered area raises the presumption of negligence, as described by 46 U.S.C. § 7703(1)(B) and defined by 46 C.F.R. § 5.29.
4. In aggravation: The grounding of the EXPEDITIONS FIVE impaired the vessel's seaworthiness.

Accordingly, the Coast Guard proposes a sanction of two (2) months outright suspension of Respondent's Merchant Mariner Credential (MMC or credential). In Respondent's Answer, dated May 3, 2024, Respondent admits to all jurisdictional and factual allegations, and agrees with the Coast Guard's proposed order of two (2) months outright suspension, with no additional conditions requested.

**WHEREFORE,**

**ORDER**

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that Respondent's violation of negligencet under 46 U.S.C. § 7703(1)(B) and 46 C.F.R. § 5.29 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 (USA [REDACTED]) is **SUSPENDED OUTRIGHT FOR TWO (2) MONTHS**, commencing on the date it is deposited with the Coast Guard. Respondent shall immediately deliver all Coast Guard issued credentials, licenses, certificates, or documents, including the MMC, by mail, courier service, or in person to: LT Brian Christina, Sector Honolulu, Marine Safety Team Maui, 95 Lono Ave, Suite 110 Kahului, HI 96732. In accordance with 18 U.S.C. § 2197, if Respondent knowingly continues to use the Coast Guard issued MMC, Respondent may be subject to criminal prosecution.

**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).

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

Done and dated, May 23, 2024,  
Seattle, Washington



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