

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

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD,)	
Complainant,)	
)	Docket Number: 2024-0259
vs.)	
)	Enforcement Activity Number: 7908647
MARY ELIZABETH MURPHY,)	
Respondent.)	

ADMISSION ORDER

Issued: June 18, 2024

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

Appearances:

For the Coast Guard

LTJG Francesca A. Farlow
USCG Marine Safety Unit Savannah

For the Respondent

Mary Elizabeth Murphy, *Pro se*

DECISION AND ORDER

The United States Coast Guard Marine Safety Unit Savannah issued a Complaint against Mary Elizabeth Murphy (Respondent) on or about May 14, 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 April 18, 2024, Respondent was an employee of Norwegian Cruise Lines and subject to its policies while working as a crewmember aboard the passenger vessel PRIDE OF AMERICA (O.N. 1146542). Norwegian Cruise Lines had a policy prohibiting employees from having a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) greater than 0.04 while performing company business. On April 18, 2024, Respondent had a BAC greater than 0.04 while performing the ship's business, in violation of section 4.2 of Norwegian Cruise Lines' Alcohol and Drug Policy.

Respondent's violation of Norwegian Cruise Lines' 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 three (3) months of outright suspension of Respondent's Merchant Mariner Credential (credential).

In Respondent's Answer, dated June 13, 2024, she admits to all jurisdictional and factual allegations, and agrees with the proposed sanction.

WHEREFORE,

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 THREE (3) MONTHS**, commencing on the date Respondent deposits her credential with the Coast Guard.

Done and dated June 18, 2024
New York, NY



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