

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

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Complainant

vs.

JABR AHMED MATARI,

Respondent.

**Docket Number 2024-0319
Enforcement Activity Number 7875573**

ADMISSION ORDER

Issued: August 20, 2024

By Administrative Law Judge: Honorable George J. Jordan

Appearances:

**Dawn M. Kallen
Sector Long Island Sound
For the Coast Guard**

**Jabr Ahmed Matari, *Pro se*
For the Respondent**

DECISION AND ORDER

On July 24, 2024, the United States Coast Guard, Marine Safety Detachment Nags Head (Coast Guard) issued a Complaint against Jabr Ahmed Matari (Respondent) alleging violation of regulation, as described by 46 U.S.C. § 7703(1)(B), and defined in 46 C.F.R. § 5.27.

Specifically, the Coast Guard alleges that:

1. On May 18, 2023, Respondent was employed as the Chief Steward by Ocean Ships, Inc. (OSI) and was subject to OSI's policies while employed on the U.S. flagged vessel CAPE ISABEL (O.N. 577636).
2. On May 18, 2023, OSI had a policy in place within Appendix E of their Integrated Management Manual which prohibits sexual assault, sexual harassment, harassment and bullying by employees, on board ships managed by OSI.
3. On May 18, 2023, Respondent asked Chief Cook to go to his stateroom with him and to give him a back massage, which is sexual harassment, in violation of Appendix E, Section E1 of OSI's Zero Tolerance for Sexual Assault, Sexual Harassment, Harassment and Bullying Policy.
4. Respondent's violation of OSI's Zero Tolerance for Sexual Assault, Sexual Harassment, Harassment and Bullying Policy is misconduct, as described by 46 U.S.C. § 7703(1)(B) and defined by 46 C.F.R. § 5.27.

Accordingly, the Coast Guard proposes a sanction of three (3) months outright suspension of Respondent's Merchant Mariner Credential (MMC or credential). In Respondent's Answer, dated August 1, 2024, Respondent admits to all jurisdictional and factual allegations, and agrees with the Coast Guard's proposed order of three (3) months outright suspension, with no additional conditions requested.

WHEREFORE,

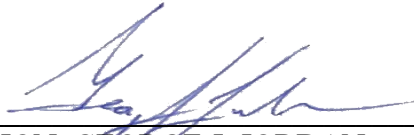
ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Respondent's violation of 46 U.S.C. § 7703(1)(B) and 46 C.F.R. § 5.27 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 [REDACTED] is **SUSPENDED OUTRIGHT FOR THREE (3) 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: Dawn M. Kallen, Investigating Officer, United States Coast Guard, Sector Long Island Sound, 120 Woodward Avenue, New Haven CT 06512. 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).

Done and dated August 20, 2024,
Seattle, WA



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