

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

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD,

Complainant,

vs.

CHARLES BLOOD,

Respondent.

Docket Number 2024-0339
Enforcement Activity No. 7956364

ADMISSION ORDER

Issued: August 6, 2024

By Administrative Law Judge: Honorable Timothy G. Stueve

Appearances:

**Lisa Fanning
USCG Sector Honolulu**

For the Coast Guard

Charles Blood, pro se

For Respondent

On or about July 19, 2024, the United States Coast Guard (USCG or Coast Guard), filed a Complaint against Charles Blood(Respondent) alleging Respondent committed misconduct while acting under the authority of Respondent's Merchant Mariner Credential (MMC) as Crew Member aboard the vessel PRIDE OF AMERICA, as required by law or regulation.

The Coast Guard alleges:

1. On July 2, 2024, Respondent was employed by NCL, PRIDE OF AMERICA and subject to NCL (Bahamas) LTD policies.
2. On July 2, 2024, NCL, PRIDE OF AMERICA had a policy prohibiting employees from being intoxicated onboard PRIDE OF AMERICA with a blood alcohol level (BAC) greater than 0.04%.
3. On July 2, 2024, Respondent was intoxicated with a BAC greater than 0.04% while onboard the vessel in violation of NCL, PRIDE OF AMERICA's Drug and Alcohol policy.
4. Respondent's violation of NCL, PRIDE OF AMERICA'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.
5. In Aggravation: Respondent was on duty when found with a BAC over 0.04%

In Respondent's Answer, dated July 19, 2024, Respondent admits to all jurisdictional and factual allegations, as stated in the Complaint. Respondent also agreed to the proposed order of four (4) months outright suspension, with no additional conditions stipulated.

Upon consideration of the record, I hereby find that the allegations in the Complaint are **PROVED BY ANSWER**. I find that on July 2, 2024, Respondent's violation of NCL, PRIDE OF AMERICA'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.

SANCTION

I have carefully reviewed the Complaint and Answer and find that the proposed sanction is appropriate under the provisions of 46 C.F.R. § 5.569.

WHEREFORE,

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, Respondent's Coast Guard issued MMC is **SUSPENDED OUTRIGHT FOR FOUR (4) MONTHS**, commencing 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 August 6, 2024, at
Alameda, California



Hon. Timothy G. Stueve
Administrative Law Judge
U.S. Coast Guard