

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

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD,)	
Complainant,)	
)	Docket Number: 2024-0135
vs.)	
)	Enforcement Activity Number: 7874581
GREGORY QURAN HERRING III,)	
Respondent.)	

ADMISSION ORDER

Issued: March 21, 2024

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

Appearances:

For the Coast Guard

CWO4 Daniel Hager
USCG Sector Honolulu

For the Respondent

Gregory Quran Herring III, *Pro se*

DECISION AND ORDER

The United States Coast Guard Sector Honolulu issued a Complaint against Gregory Quran Herring III (Respondent) on or about March 11, 2024, alleging two violations of misconduct under 46 U.S.C. § 7703(1)(B) and 46 C.F.R. § 5.27. Specifically, the Coast Guard alleges on December 25, 2023, Respondent was an employee of NCL, PRIDE OF AMERICA and subject to its policies. NCL, PRIDE OF AMERICA has a policy prohibiting employees from being intoxicated with a blood alcohol level (BAC) greater than 0.04% while onboard the vessel. On this date, Respondent was intoxicated with a BAC greater than 0.04% while onboard the vessel, which is a violation of NCL, PRIDE OF AMERICA's Drug and Alcohol Policy.

The Coast Guard also alleges Respondent was wrongfully absent from the vessel without authorized leave on December 26, 2023. Respondent's violation of NCL, PRIDE OF AMERICA's Drug and Alcohol Policy and his absence from the vessel without authorized leave constitutes 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 six (6) months of outright suspension of Respondent's Merchant Mariner Credential (credential).

In Respondent's Answer, dated March 11, 2024, he 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 SIX (6) MONTHS**, commencing on the date Respondent deposits his credential with the Coast Guard.

Done and dated March 21, 2024
New York, NY



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