

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

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**Complainant**

**vs.**

**FRANCHE TANAYA WOODS,**

**Respondent.**

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**Docket Number 2024-0154  
Enforcement Activity Number 7879847**

**ADMISSION ORDER**

**Issued: April 10, 2024**

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

**Appearances:**

**LTJG Adrian Hills  
Secotr Honolulu  
For the Coast Guard**

**Franché Tanaya Woods, *Pro se*  
For the Respondent**

## **DECISION AND ORDER**

On March 21, 2024, United States Coast Guard Sector Honolulu (Coast Guard) issued a Complaint against Franche Tanaya Woods (Respondent) alleging misconduct as described by 46 U.S.C. § 7703(1)(B) and defined by 46 C.F.R. § 5.27.

Specifically, the Coast Guard alleges that on March 1, 2024:

1. Respondent was employed by Norwegian Cruise Lines (NCL), PRIDE OF AMERICA and subject to NCL (Bahamas) LTD policies.
2. NCL had a policy prohibiting employees from being intoxicated onboard the PRIDE OF AMERICA with a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) level greater than .04%.
3. Respondent was intoxicated with a BAC greater than .04% while on board the vessel, in violation of NCL's drug and alcohol policy.
4. Respondent was wrongfully absent from the vessel without authorized leave.
5. Both Respondent's violation of NCL's drug and alcohol policy and absence from the vessel without authorized leave constitute 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 six (6) months outright suspension of Respondent's Merchant Mariner Credential (MMC or credential). In Respondent's Answer, dated March 21, 2024, Respondent admits to all jurisdictional and factual allegations, and agrees with the Coast Guard's proposed order of six (6) months outright suspension, with no additional conditions requested.

**WHEREFORE,**

**ORDER**

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that Respondent's violation of misconduct under 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 is **SUSPENDED OUTRIGHT FOR SIX (6) MONTHS**, commencing on the date it is 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).

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

Done and dated, April 10, 2024,  
Seattle, Washington

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'G. Jordan', is written over a horizontal line.

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