

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

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD,

Complainant,

vs.

STEVEN BREWSTER,

Respondent.

Docket Number 2025-0007
Enforcement Activity No. 8051192

ADMISSION ORDER

Issued: April 1, 2025

By Administrative Law Judge: Honorable Timothy G. Stueve

Appearances:

**Michael Micucci
Sector Miami**

For the Coast Guard

Steven Brewster, pro se

For Respondent

On or about March 21, 2025, the United States Coast Guard (USCG or Coast Guard), filed a Complaint against Stevon Brewster (Respondent) alleging Respondent committed misconduct while acting under the authority of Respondent's Merchant Mariner Credential (MMC) as Crew Member aboard the Norwegian Cruise Lines (NCL), as required by law or regulation.

The Coast Guard alleges:

1. On November 15, 2024, Respondent was employed by NCL and subject to NCL policies while working as a crewmember on the cruise ship Pride of America (O.N. 1146542).
2. On November 15, 2024, NCL had a policy that by accepting employment with NCL, the crewmembers are subject to Reasonable Suspicion Drug and Alcohol testing as required by NCL.
3. On November 15, 2024, Respondent was observed by the ships Security Officer as having slurred speech, inability to stand, and had an odor of alcohol.
4. Based on the observations of the ships Security Officer, Respondent was directed to undergo a reasonable suspicion alcohol test in accordance with NCL's Drug and Alcohol Policy.
5. On November 15, 2024, Respondent refused to submit to an alcohol test, after being directed by the Staff Captain, in violation of NCL's Drug and Alcohol Policy.
6. Respondent's violation of NCL's Drug and Alcohol Policy is Misconduct as described in 46 USC § 7703 (1)(B) and defined by 46 CFR § 5.27.

In Respondent's Answer, filed March 21, 2025, Respondent admits to all jurisdictional and factual allegations, as stated in the Complaint. Respondent also agreed to the proposed order of five (5) 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 November 15, 2024, Respondent's violation of NCL'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 FIVE (5) 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 April 1, 2025, at
Alameda, California



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