

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

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD,)	
Complainant,)	
)	Docket Number: 2025-0037
vs.)	
)	Enforcement Activity Number: 8058838
NATHANAEL MARTIN VAUGHN,)	
Respondent.)	

CONSENT ORDER

Issued: March 4, 2025

By Order of Administrative Law Judge: Hon. Jennifer A. Mehaffey

Appearances:

For the Coast Guard

Paul T. Tramm
USCG Sector Puget Sound

For the Respondent

Nathanael Martin Vaughn, *Pro se*

CONSENT ORDER APPROVING SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

On January 22, 2025, the Coast Guard filed a Complaint against Nathanael Martin Vaughn¹ (Respondent) seeking revocation of his Merchant Mariner Credential. On February 21, 2025, the Coast Guard filed a Motion for Approval of a Settlement Agreement and Entry of Consent Order (Motion), containing the signed Settlement Agreement, to be approved as a settlement of this case under 33 C.F.R. § 20.502.

As evidenced by their respective signature, the parties assert that settlement is in the public interest and appropriate based on Respondent's cooperation and good faith efforts towards remediation. The parties also agree the entry of a Consent Order approving this settlement without further litigation is the proper means of resolution in this matter. Accordingly, the parties have expressly waived their right to a hearing and appeal in this matter and I have not conducted a hearing on the merits of this case. I have carefully reviewed the terms of the Settlement Agreement and find that it is fair, reasonable, and in substantial compliance with the requirements of 33 C.F.R. § 20.502.

¹ The documents filed by the Coast Guard lists Respondent's last name as "VAUGH," while the Notice of Assignment issued by the ALJ Docketing Center lists Respondent's last name as "VAUGHN." The Investigating Officer has confirmed that Respondent's last name is "VAUGHN."

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, the Motion for Approval of Settlement Agreement and Entry of Consent Order is **GRANTED**, and the Settlement Agreement is **APPROVED** in full and incorporated herein by reference. This Consent Order shall constitute full, final, and complete adjudication of this proceeding.

Done and dated March 4, 2025
New York, NY

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. MehaFFEY", is written over a faint, circular, light-gray watermark. The signature is fluid and cursive.

HON. JENNIFER A. MEHAFFEY
Administrative Law Judge
United States Coast Guard