

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

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**UNITED STATES COAST GUARD,**

Complainant,

vs.

**CHRISTOPHER WAYNE BARNETT,**

Respondent.

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Docket Number 2025-0317  
Enforcement Activity No. 8160335

**ADMISSION ORDER**

**Issued: July 11, 2025**

**By Administrative Law Judge: Honorable Timothy G. Stueve**

**Appearances:**

**William Taylor  
Sector Honolulu**

**For the Coast Guard**

**Christopher Wayne Barnett, pro se**

**For Respondent**

On or about June 30, 2025, the United States Coast Guard (USCG or Coast Guard), filed a Complaint against Christopher Wayne Barnett (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 May 25, 2025, Respondent was employed by NCL, PRIDE OF AMERICA and subject to NCL (Bahamas) LTD policies.
2. On May 25, 2025, 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 May 25, 2025, 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.

In Respondent's Answer, dated July 2, 2025, Respondent admits to all jurisdictional and factual allegations, as stated in the Complaint. Respondent also agreed to the proposed order of three (3) 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 May 25, 2025, 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 THREE (3) 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 July 11, 2025, at  
Alameda, California



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