

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

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD,	)	
Complainant,	)	
	)	Docket Number: 2025-0359
vs.	)	
	)	MISLE Activity ID: 8172190
ROBERT RAPHAEL ORTIZ JR,	)	
Respondent.	)	

**CONSENT ORDER**

**Issued:** August 26, 2025

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

**Appearances:**

**For the Coast Guard**

Gregory E. Steiger  
USCG Marine Safety Unit Coram

**For the Respondent**

Robert Raphael Ortiz Jr, *Pro se*

## **CONSENT ORDER APPROVING SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT**

On July 17, 2025, the Coast Guard filed its Complaint against Robert Raphael Ortiz Jr (Respondent) seeking revocation of his Merchant Mariner Credential (MMC). On August 12, 2025, the Coast Guard filed a Motion for Approval of Settlement Agreement and Entry of Consent Order, containing the Settlement Agreement to be approved as a settlement of this case under 33 C.F.R. § 20.502.<sup>1</sup>

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.

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<sup>1</sup> I note the Certificate of Service filed with the Coast Guard's Motion for Approval of Settlement Agreement and Entry of Consent Order attests the Motion was sent to the ALJ Docketing Center by email on July 17, 2025. This is a de minimis error and does not affect my granting of the Coast Guard's motion and approval of the Settlement Agreement.