

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

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Complainant

vs.

ALEXANDRIA SHIVERS
Respondent

Docket Number 2025-0360
Enforcement Activity No. 8161203

DEFAULT ORDER

This matter comes before me on the United States Coast Guard's (Coast Guard) Motion for Default Order. As of the date of this order, Alexandria Shivers (Respondent) has not filed an answer to the Coast Guard's Motion. 33 C.F.R. § 20.310. As set forth below, I find Respondent is in **DEFAULT** and her credentials are **SUSPENDED** for a period of **THREE MONTHS**.

1. Background

On July 17, 2025, the United States Coast Guard (Coast Guard) served an Amended Complaint (the Complaint) against Respondent seeking a three-month suspension of her merchant mariner credential (MMC). The Complaint alleges on April 26, 2025, Respondent was acting under the authority of her MMC by serving as an Ordinary Seaman aboard the PRIDE OF AMERICA while employed by Norwegian Cruise Lines (NCL). The Complaint further alleges that NCL maintains a Drug and Alcohol Policy requiring crewmembers to submit to alcohol testing if suspected of being intoxicated while aboard the vessel, and, on April 26, 2025, Respondent was suspected of being under the influence of alcohol based upon crew reports, personal observation by other crew members, and her manner, disposition, speech, general

appearance and behavior. On April 26, 2025, Respondent refused to submit to an alcohol test after being directed to do so by the Staff Captain, in violation of NCL's Drug and Alcohol Policy. Lastly, the Complaint alleges that Respondent's violation of NCL's Drug and Alcohol Policy is Misconduct as described in 46 U.S.C. § 7703(1)(B), as defined by 46 C.F.R. § 5.27

On October 7, 2025, the Coast Guard served Respondent with a Motion for Default Order pursuant to 33 C.F.R. § 20.310. As of the date of this order, Respondent has not filed a response to the Coast Guard's motion.

2. **Discussion**

Pursuant to 33 C.F.R. § 20.308, a Respondent must file an Answer to a Complaint 20 days or less after service of the Complaint. If the Respondent fails to file an Answer without good cause shown, "[t]he ALJ may find a respondent in default. . ." 33 C.F.R. § 20.310. Default constitutes an admission of all facts alleged in the Complaint and a waiver of the right to a hearing. See 33 C.F.R. § 20.310(c); Appeal Decision 2682 (REEVES) (2008).

After careful consideration of the facts and circumstances of this case, I find more than twenty days have passed since the Coast Guard served Respondent with the Complaint in this matter. Furthermore, given that Respondent has not responded to the Coast Guard's Motion, I find Respondent has not shown good cause for her failure to file an Answer timely. Accordingly, I find Respondent in **DEFAULT** pursuant to 33 C.F.R. § 20.310(a).

Having found Respondent in **DEFAULT**, Respondent admits the facts in the Complaint by operation of 33 C.F.R. § 20.310(c). Based on these admitted facts, I find I have jurisdiction over the subject matter of the Complaint. I further find these admitted facts prove Respondent violated 46 U.S.C. § 7703(1)(B), as Respondent refused to take an alcohol test in violation of NCL's Drug and Alcohol Policy. Furthermore, the undersigned finds the facts alleged in the

Complaint sufficient to warrant the sanction of **SUSPENSION** for a period of **THREE MONTHS**. Id.

WHEREFORE,

ORDER

Upon consideration of the record, the undersigned finds Respondent in **DEFAULT**.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, in accordance with 33 C.F.R. § 20.310, the undersigned finds the allegations set forth in the Complaint **PROVED**.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, all of Respondent's Coast Guard issued credentials, including her Merchant Mariner Credentials, are **SUSPENDED** for a period of **THREE MONTHS**. Respondent shall immediately cease using all Coast Guard issued credentials.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, Respondent must immediately deliver by mail, courier service, or in person, her Merchant Mariner Credential and any other Coast Guard issued credentials, licenses, certificates, or documents to: Hector Manuel Pacheco, Sector North Carolina, Investigations Division, 721 Medical Center Drive, Suite 100, Wilmington, NC 28401.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, pursuant to 33 C.F.R. § 20.310(e), for good cause shown, an ALJ may set aside a finding of default. A motion to set aside a finding of default may be filed with the ALJ Docketing Center in Baltimore. The motion may be sent to U.S. Coast Guard Administrative Law Judge Docketing Center; Attention: Hearing Docket Clerk; Room 412; 40 S. Gay Street; Baltimore, MD 21201-4022.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that service of this Default Order on the parties serves as notice of appeal rights set forth in 33 C.F.R. § 20.1001-20.1004.

SO ORDERED.

Done and dated this 2nd day of December, 2025
New Orleans, LA



Brian J. Curley
US Coast Guard
Administrative Law Judge