

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

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD,)
Complainant,)
vs.) Docket Number: 2025-0384
LUCAS SAGAN TIDERMAN,) MISLE Activity ID: 8186563
Respondent.)

ADMISSION ORDER

Issued: September 15, 2025

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

Appearances:

For the Coast Guard

LTJG Katherine E. Villasenor
USCG Sector Maryland-National Capital Region

For the Respondent

Lucas Sagan Tiderman, *Pro se*

On September 3, 2025, Coast Guard Sector Maryland-National Capital Region (Coast Guard) filed a Complaint against Lucas Sagan Tiderman (Respondent) alleging one count of misconduct as described by 46 U.S.C. § 7703(1)(B) and defined by 46 C.F.R. § 5.27.¹

In the Complaint the Coast Guard alleges Respondent is the holder of a Coast Guard-issued Merchant Mariner Credential (MMC). On June 21, 2025, Respondent acted under the authority of his MMC by serving as Able Seaman aboard the USNS LOYAL as required by an employer as a condition of employment. The Coast Guard further alleges:

1. On June 21, 2025, Respondent was employed by Crowley Government Services and subject to Crowley's policies.
2. On June 21, 2025, Crowley had a policy prohibiting employees from having a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) greater than 0.04 percent while onboard a company vessel.
3. On June 21, 2025, Respondent had a BAC greater than 0.04 while onboard a company vessel, in violation of section 5.4 of Crowley's Drug and Alcohol Policy and Procedure, CPP-HRS-007, and section C of CPP-HRS-007's Addendum.
4. Respondent's violation of Crowley's Drug and Alcohol Policy and Procedure, CPP-HRS-007 is Misconduct as described by 46 U.S.C. § 7703(1)(B) and defined by 46 CFR § 5.27.

Based on these facts, the Coast Guard proposes a sanction of three (3) months outright suspension of Respondent's MMC.

¹ I note that the Complaint and the Certificate of Service for the Complaint are dated as August 11, 2025. Although, the Coast Guard dated these documents as August 11, 2025, they were not filed with the Coast Guard ALJ Docketing Center until September 3, 2025. I find the difference in the dates to be a de minimis error that does not affect my decision to issue an Admission Order.

In Respondent's Answer, dated September 2, 2025, he admits to all jurisdictional and factual allegations, and agrees with the proposed sanction.²

Upon consideration of the record, I hereby find that the allegations in the Complaint are **PROVED BY ANSWER**. I find that on June 21, 2025, Respondent committed an act of misconduct as described by 46 U.S.C. § 7703(l)(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 that Respondent's misconduct as described by 46 U.S.C. § 7703(l)(B) and defined by 46 C.F.R. § 5.27 is **PROVED BY ANSWER**.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Respondent's Merchant Mariner Credential is **SUSPENDED OUTRIGHT FOR THREE (3) MONTHS**, commencing on the date Respondent deposits his credential with the Coast Guard.

² I note that Respondent's Answer pre-dates the filing of the Complaint. As noted above, the Coast Guard dated its Complaint and the Certificate of Service for the Complaint as August 11, 2025, but the Coast Guard did not file the documents until September 3, 2025. The Return of Service for Complaint and the FedEx Proof of Service show that Respondent was served with the Complaint on August 13, 2025.

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 September 15, 2025
New York, NY



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