

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

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD,)	
Complainant,)	
)	Docket Number: 2025-0389
vs.)	
)	MISLE Activity ID: 8152933
ALEXANDER J. RHODES,)	
Respondent.)	

ADMISSION ORDER

Issued: August 15, 2025

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

Appearances:

For the Coast Guard

CWO Aaron P. Sala
USCG Marine Safety Unit Port Canaveral

For the Respondent

Alexander J. Rhodes, *Pro se*

On August 6, 2025, the United States Coast Guard Marine Safety Unit Port Canaveral (Coast Guard) issued a Complaint against Alexander J. Rhodes (Respondent) for being convicted of an offense that would preclude the issuance of MMC (Merchant Mariner Credential or credential) as described by 46 U.S.C. § 7703(2).

In the Complaint, the Coast Guard alleges Respondent is the holder of a U.S. Coast Guard-issued Merchant Mariner Credential. The Coast Guard further alleges:

1. On May 13, 2025, Respondent was convicted of violating Florida Statute 784.07(2)(a), Assault (on a law enforcement), a misdemeanor, by the County Court of the Ninth Judicial Circuit, Orange County Florida.
2. Respondent's conviction of violating Florida Statute 784.07(2)(a), is an offense that would and did prevent the issuance or renewal of a Merchant Mariner Credential, as described in Title 46, United States Code, § 7703(2).

Based on these facts, the Coast Guard proposes a sanction of six (6) months outright suspension of Respondent's MMC.

In Respondent's Answer, dated August 6, 2025, he admits to all jurisdictional and factual allegations, and agrees with the proposed sanction.

Upon consideration of the record, I hereby find that the allegations in the Complaint are **PROVED BY ANSWER**. I find that on May 13, 2025, Respondent was convicted of an offense that would preclude the issuance of MMC as described by 46 U.S.C. § 7703(2).

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 conviction that would preclude the issuance of an MMC as described by 46 U.S.C. § 7703(2) is **PROVED BY ANSWER**.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Respondent's MMC is **SUSPENDED OUTRIGHT FOR SIX (6) MONTHS**, commencing on the date Respondent deposits his credential 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 August 15, 2025
New York, NY

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jennifer A. MehaFFEY", is written over a faint, light blue circular background.

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