

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

ADMISSION ORDER

Issued: October 24, 2025

By Administrative Law Judge: Honorable Timothy G. Stueve

Appearances:

For the Coast Guard

Aaron Sala
Marine Safety Unit Port Canaveral

For the Respondent

Christina Ocasio, *Pro Se*

On or about September 2, 2025, the United States Coast Guard (USCG or Coast Guard), filed a Complaint against Christina Marie Ocasio (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 1, 2025, Respondent was employed by Pride of America and subject to Pride of America's policies.
2. On May 1, 2025, Pride of America had a policy prohibiting employees from having a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) greater than 0.04% while performing company business.
3. On May 1, 2025, Respondent had a BAC greater than 0.04% while performing ship's business, in violation of section 4.2 of Pride of America's Drug and Alcohol Testing Policy.
4. Respondent's violation of 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 October 23, 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 1, 2025, Respondent's violation of 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 this 24th day of October 2025, at
Alameda, California



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