

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

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Complainant

vs.

DEVIN ANGST
Respondent

Docket Number 2025-0461
Enforcement Activity No. 8218006

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, Devin Angst (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 his credentials are **SUSPENDED** for a period of **TWENTY-FOUR (24) MONTHS**.

1. Background

On September 22, 2025, the United States Coast Guard (Coast Guard) served an Amended Complaint (the Complaint) against Respondent seeking a twenty-four-month suspension of his merchant mariner credential (MMC). The Complaint alleges on June 4, 2025, Respondent was acting under the authority of his MMC by serving as a tankerman on the vessel BUTTERCUP while employed by Centerline Gulf, LLC (Centerline). The Complaint further alleges that Centerline maintains a policy requiring crewmembers to submit to random DOT drug testing. On June 4, 2025, Respondent refused to provide a random DOT drug test by resigning and leaving the vessel, in violations of Centerline's drug and alcohol policy. Lastly, the

Complaint alleges that Respondent's violation of Centerline'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 29, 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 a drug test in violation of Centerline'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 **TWENTY FOUR 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 his Merchant Mariner Credentials, are **SUSPENDED** for a period of **TWENTY FOUR 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: Kimberly McLean, Sector Houston/Galveston, 13411 Hillard Street, Houston, TX 77034.

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 8th day of December, 2025
New Orleans, LA

