

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

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Complainant)	
)	Docket Number: 2025-0463
vs.)	
)	MISLE Activity ID: 8215405
ELENI DE BOTTON)	
Respondent.)	

ADMISSION ORDER

By: Honorable Timothy G. Stueve, Administrative Law Judge

Issued: October 17, 2025

Appearances:

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For the Coast Guard

Eleni De Botton, *Pro Se*

For the Respondent

ADMISSION ORDER

On or about September 24, 2025, the United States Coast Guard (USCG or Coast Guard), filed a Complaint against Eleni De Botton (Respondent) alleging Respondent committed negligence while acting under the authority of Respondent's Merchant Mariner Credential (MMC) as Master aboard the TRILOGY VII, as required by law or regulation.

The Coast Guard alleges:

1. On August 12, 2025, at approximately 0800 Hawaii Standard Time (HST), Respondent got the TRILOGY VII (O.N. 1325948) underway and departed Kaanapali Beach, Maui, Hawaii, upon the Pacific Ocean, with forty-eight passengers on board.
2. At approximately 0930 HST, Respondent disembarked forty-eight passengers into the water for a snorkeling excursion at Honolua Bay, Hawaii.
3. At approximately 1020 HST, Respondent embarked forty-six passengers aboard the TRILOGY VII, conducted a verbal rollcall of passengers by name using the passenger manifest, and errantly accounted for forty-eight passengers.
4. At approximately 1030 HST, Respondent got the TRILOGY VII underway and departed Honolua Bay leaving two people in the water at Honolua Bay.
5. The Respondent's failure to ensure all persons were retrieved from the water and aboard the TRILOGY VII, prior to departing Honolua Bay, Hawaii is Negligence, as described by 46 U.S.C. § 7703 (1)(B) and defined by 46 C.F.R. § 5.29.

In Respondent's Answer, dated on or about September 24, 2025, Respondent admits to all jurisdictional and factual allegations, as stated in the Complaint. Respondent also agreed to the proposed order of four (4) 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 August 12, 2025, Respondent committed an act of Negligence, as described by 46 U.S.C. § 7703(1)(B) and defined by 46 C.F.R. § 5.29.

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 FOUR (4) 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 October 17, 2025, at
Alameda, California



Hon. Timothy G. Stueve
Administrative Law Judge
U.S. Coast Guard