

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

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Complainant)
vs.) Docket Number: 2025-0470
MARYAH BROOKS-BAKER) MISLE Activity ID: 8213495
Respondent.)

ADMISSION ORDER

By: Honorable Timothy G. Stueve, Administrative Law Judge

Issued: October 17, 2025

Appearances:

For the Coast Guard

**Jennifer Stuart
Marine Safety Unit Cleveland**

For the Respondent

Maryah Brooks-Baker, *Pro Se*

ADMISSION ORDER

On or about October 15, 2025, the United States Coast Guard (USCG or Coast Guard), filed a Complaint against Maryah Brook-Baker (Respondent) alleging Respondent committed misconduct while acting under the authority of Respondent's Merchant Mariner Credential (MMC) as an Assistant Cook aboard the vessel PRIDE OF AMERICA, as required by law or regulation.

The Coast Guard alleges:

1. On July 28, 2025, Respondent was employed by Norwegian Cruise Lines, Inc. (NCL) onboard the passenger vessel PRIDE OF AMERICA (ON 1146542), and subject to NCL's policies.
2. On July 28, 2025, NCL, PRIDE OF AMERICA has a drug and alcohol policy requiring PRIDE OF AMERICA employees to submit to an alcohol chemical test if directed.
3. On July 28, 2025, at approximately 0215, the Staff Captain directed Respondent to submit to an alcohol chemical test.
4. Respondent refused to submit to an alcohol chemical test, after being directed to submit to an alcohol chemical test by the Staff Captain, in violation of NCL, PRIDE OF AMERICA's Drug and Alcohol policy.
5. Respondent's violation of NCL, 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 15, 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 July 28, 2025, Respondent's violation of NCL, 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 October 17, 2025, at
Alameda, California



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