

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

## Lee Willett Marine Safety Unit Savannah

## **Bryan Unwin Ebelink Marine Safety Unit Savannah**

## For the Respondent

**Marcus Walker, *Pro Se***

On or about September 30, 2025, the United States Coast Guard (USCG or Coast Guard), filed a Complaint against Marcus Eugene Walker (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 Augst 18, 2025, Respondent was employed by Norwegian Cruise Lines and subject to Norwegian Cruise Line's policies while working on the U.S. flagged cruise ship, PRIDE OF AMERICA (O.N. 114652).
2. On August 18, 2025, Norwegian Cruise Line has a policy prohibiting employees from being intoxicated or under the influence of alcohol while onboard a company vessel.
3. On August 18, 2025, Respondent refused to submit to an alcohol test in violation of Norwegian Cruise Line's Drug and Alcohol Policy.
4. Respondent's violation of Norwegian Cruise Line'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 20, 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 August 18, 2025, Respondent's violation of Norwegian Cruise Line'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 24<sup>th</sup> day of October 2025, at  
Alameda, California



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