

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

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Complainant )  
vs. ) Docket Number: 2025-0486  
PETER DOBISZ ) MISLE Activity ID: 8226778  
Respondent. )

## **ADMISSION ORDER**

**Issued:** October 24, 2025

**By Order of Administrative Law Judge: Hon. Jennifer A. Mehaffey**

### **Appearances:**

## For the Coast Guard

## **Kerry Hamby Sector Southeastern New England**

**For the Respondent**  
**Peter Dobisz, *Pro Se***

## **ADMISSION ORDER**

On September 29, 2025, the United States Coast Guard Sector Southeastern New England (Coast Guard) issued a Complaint against Peter Dobisz (Respondent) alleging one count of violation of a regulation as described by 46 U.S.C. § 7703(1)(A) and defined by 46 C.F.R. § 5.33.

In the Complaint, the Coast Guard alleges Respondent acted under the authority of his Merchant Mariner Credential (MMC) by serving as an Able Seaman aboard the vessel WOODS HOLE as required by an employer as a condition of employment. The Coast Guard further alleges:

1. The WOODS HOLE (ON 1263642) is a United States flagged vessel, inspected under 46 U.S.C. Chapter 33.
2. On June 8, 2025, Respondent was a crewmember operating the WOODS HOLE, as described by 33 CFR § 95.015(b).
3. On June 8, 2025, at approximately 1325, while on board the WOODS HOLE, Respondent was observed by the Master as laughing, stating he was not alright, smelling of alcohol and later collapsed.
4. Based on the observations of the Master, Respondent was in violation of the standard in 33 CFR § 95.020(c).
5. Respondent was transported by Emergency Medical Services to Falmouth Hospital Emergency Center.
6. At approximately 1432, Respondent underwent a blood draw administered by the resulting in a blood alcohol concentration level (BAC) greater than 0.04.
7. Respondent was in violation of the standards in 33 CFR § 95.020(b).

8. On June 8, 2025, Respondent was under the influence of alcohol, as defined by 33 CFR § 95.010, while aboard the WOODS HOLE, in violation of 33 CFR § 95.045(b).
9. Violation of 33 CFR § 95.045(b) is a violation of a regulation as described by 46 U.S.C. § 7703(l)(A) and defined by 46 CFR § 5.33.

Based on these facts and the matters in aggravation alleged, the Coast Guard proposes a sanction of eight (8) months outright suspension of Respondent's MMC.

In Respondent's Answer, dated October 1, 2025, he admits to all jurisdictional and factual allegations, and agrees with the proposed sanction.

Upon consideration of the record, I hereby find that the allegations in the Complaint are **PROVED BY ANSWER**. I find that on June 8, 2025, Respondent committed an act of violation of a regulation as described by 46 U.S.C. § 7703(l)(A) and defined by 46 CFR § 5.33.

### **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** that Respondent's violation of regulation as described by 46 U.S.C. § 7703(l)(A) and defined by 46 C.F.R. § 5.33 is **PROVED BY ANSWER**.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that Respondent's MMC is **SUSPENDED OUTRIGHT FOR EIGHT (8) MONTHS**, commencing on the date Respondent deposits his credential 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 24, 2025  
New York, NY

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer A. Mehaaffey".

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HON. JENNIFER A. MEHAFFEY  
Administrative Law Judge  
United States Coast Guard