

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

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD,)	
Complainant,)	
)	Docket Number: 2026-0020
vs.)	
)	MISLE Activity ID: 8276124
ALI SAMADNOURI,)	
Respondent.)	

ADMISSION ORDER

Issued: February 11, 2026

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

Appearances:

For the Coast Guard

Roberto J. Pereira
USCG Marine Safety Unit Baton Rouge

For the Respondent

Ali Samadnouri, *Pro se*

On January 13, 2026, the United States Coast Guard Marine Safety Unit Baton Rouge (Coast Guard) issued a Complaint against Ali Samadnouri (Respondent) alleging one count of misconduct as described by 46 U.S.C. § 7703(1)(B) and defined by 46 C.F.R. § 5.27.

In the Complaint the Coast Guard alleges Respondent is the holder of a Coast Guard-issued Merchant Mariner Credential (MMC). On November 13, 2025, Respondent acted under the authority of his MMC by serving as Crew Member aboard the PRIDE OF AMERICA as required by law or regulation. The Coast Guard further alleges:

1. On November 13, 2025, Respondent was employed by Norwegian Cruise Lines, PRIDE OF AMERICA and subject to NCL (Bahamas) LTD. policies.
2. On November 13, 2025, Norwegian Cruise Lines, PRIDE OF AMERICA had a policy prohibiting employees from being intoxicated onboard the PRIDE OF AMERICA with a blood alcohol level (BAC) greater than 0.04%.
3. On November 13, 2025, Respondent was intoxicated with a BAC greater than .04% while onboard the vessel, in violation of Norwegian Cruise Lines, PRIDE OF AMERICA's Drug and Alcohol policy.
4. Respondent's violation of Norwegian Cruise Lines, 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.

Based on these facts, the Coast Guard proposes a sanction of three (3) months outright suspension.

In Respondent's Answer, dated January 30, 2026, 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 November 13, 2025, Respondent committed an act of 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 that Respondent's misconduct as described by 46 U.S.C. § 7703(1)(B) and defined by 46 C.F.R. § 5.27 is **PROVED BY ANSWER**.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Respondent's Merchant Mariner Credential is **SUSPENDED OUTRIGHT FOR THREE (3) 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 February 11, 2026
New York, NY



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