

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
UNITED STATES COAST GUARD**

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD,	)	
Complainant,	)	
	)	Docket Number: 2026-0032
v.	)	
	)	MISLE Activity ID: 8278257
JAKOBEE TYONNE LAVERN MATTHEWS,	)	
Respondent.	)	

ADMISSION ORDER

On January 21, 2026, the United States Coast Guard (Coast Guard) filed a Complaint against Jakabee Tyonne Lavern Matthews (Respondent) alleging misconduct and seeking to suspend Respondent’s Merchant Mariner Credential (MMC) for three (3) months. See 46 U.S.C. § 7703(1)(B); 46 C.F.R. § 5.27. Specifically, the Complaint alleges Respondent was intoxicated while serving as a crew member aboard a Coast Guard Inspected Vessel, the M/V SAM LAUD, in violation of the Grand River Navigation Company, Inc.’s Drug-Free and Alcohol-Free Workplace policy.

The Coast Guard served the Complaint on Respondent by Federal Express. The Return of Service indicates Federal Express delivered the Complaint to Respondent’s residence, and Respondent signed for the pleading on January 22, 2026. Respondent served an Answer to the Complaint on January 25, 2026, admitting all jurisdictional and factual allegations, and agreeing to the proposed sanction. 33 C.F.R. § 20.308.

Based on these admissions and after carefully reviewing the record as a whole, I find the proposed sanction appropriate under 46 C.F.R. § 5.569.

WHEREFORE,

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, all Respondent's Coast Guard issued Merchant Mariner Credentials are **SUSPENDED OUTRIGHT** for **THREE (3) MONTHS**, commencing on the date Respondent's credentials are/were deposited with the Coast Guard.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, if Respondent has not done so before the date of this order, Respondent shall deliver all Coast Guard issued credentials, including the MMC, by mail, courier service, or in person to **Alfred Willett, Investigating Officer, United States Coast Guard, Marine Safety Unit Savannah, Investigations Division, 100 W. Oglethorpe Ave., Suite 1017, Savannah, GA 31401**. In accordance with 18 U.S.C. § 2197, if Respondent knowingly continues to use the Coast Guard issued MMC during the period of suspension, Respondent may be subject to criminal prosecution.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, service of this Order on the parties and/or parties' representative(s) serves as notice of appeal rights set forth in 33 C.F.R. §§ 20.1001 through 20.1004. (Attachment A).

SO ORDERED.

Done and dated, May 8, 2026, at
Houston, Texas

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tommy Cantrell". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

TOMMY CANTRELL
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE
UNITED STATES COAST GUARD