

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

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD,	)	
Complainant,	)	
	)	Docket Number: 2026-0052
vs.	)	
	)	Enforcement Activity Number: 8291695
JAY AUSTIN TATARCHUK,	)	
Respondent.	)	

CONSENT ORDER

Issued: February 20, 2026

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

Appearances:

For the Coast Guard

Kimberly A. McLean, CWO4
USCG Sector Houston/Galveston

For the Respondent

Jay Austin Tatarchuk, *Pro se*

CONSENT ORDER APPROVING SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

On February 2, 2026, the Coast Guard filed a Complaint against Jay Austin Tatarchuk (Respondent) seeking revocation of his Merchant Mariner Credential. On February 11, 2026, the Coast Guard filed a Motion for Approval of a Settlement Agreement and Entry of Consent Order (Motion), containing the signed Settlement Agreement, to be approved as a settlement of this case under 33 C.F.R. § 20.502.¹

As evidenced by their respective signature, the parties assert that settlement is in the public interest and appropriate based on Respondent's cooperation and good faith efforts towards remediation. The parties also agree the entry of a Consent Order approving this settlement without further litigation is the proper means of resolution in this matter. Accordingly, the parties have expressly waived their right to a hearing and appeal in this matter and I have not conducted a hearing on the merits of this case. I have carefully reviewed the terms of the Settlement Agreement and find that it is fair, reasonable, and in substantial compliance with the requirements of 33 C.F.R. § 20.502.

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, the Motion for Approval of Settlement Agreement and Entry of Consent Order is **GRANTED**, and the Settlement Agreement is **APPROVED** in full

¹ The second paragraph of the Motion states "the Coast Guard initiated administrative proceeding by filing a Complaint seeking to suspend Respondent's Merchant Mariner Credential (MMC)." This does not align with the Coast Guard's proposed sanction of revocation in its Complaint. (Complaint, filed February 2, 2026). Although the Motion is incorrect, I find this to be a de minimis error and does not affect the legal sufficiency of the Settlement Agreement because the terms of the Agreement apply the correct sanction of revocation

and incorporated herein by reference. This Consent Order shall constitute full, final, and complete adjudication of this proceeding.

Done and dated February 20, 2026
New York, NY

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'J. MehaFFEY', with a large, sweeping flourish extending to the left.

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