

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

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Complainant	)	
	)	Docket Number: 2026-0080
vs.	)	
	)	MISLE Activity ID: 8230892
ARIEL FEDERICO DOU	)	
Respondent.	)	

ADMISSION ORDER

By: Honorable Timothy G. Stueve, Administrative Law Judge

Issued: March 6, 2026

Appearances:

For the Coast Guard

Jasmine Smith and Joshua Yanez

Sector Miami

For the Respondent

Ariel Federico Dou, *Pro Se*

ADMISSION ORDER

On or about February 23, 2026, the United States Coast Guard (USCG or Coast Guard), filed a Complaint against Ariel Federico Dou (Respondent) alleging Respondent committed misconduct while acting under the authority of Respondent's Merchant Mariner Credential (MMC) by serving as an assistant waiter aboard the PRIDE OF AMERICA as required by an employer as a condition of employment.

The Coast Guard alleges:

1. On July 7, 2025, Respondent was employed by NCL Bahamas LTD and subject to NCL Bahamas LTD policies.
2. On July 7, 2025, NCL Bahamas LTD had a policy prohibiting employees from being under the influence of alcohol while onboard a company vessel and assigned to a safety sensitive position.
3. On July 7, 2025, while on board the PRIDE OF AMERICA and being assigned to the vessel fire team, the Respondent was observed by a Security Guard as being under the influence of alcohol due to observations of speech and strong odor of alcohol, in violation of NCL Bahamas LTD, Drug and Alcohol Policy.
4. On July 7, 2025, Respondent has a BAC of 0.152% while onboard the PRIDE OF AMERICA, in violation of NCL Bahamas LTD, Drug and Alcohol Policy.
5. On July 7, 2025, Respondent took a second test with a BAC of 0.147% while onboard the PRIDE OF AMERICA, in violation of NCL Bahamas LTD, Drug and Alcohol Policy.
6. Respondent's violation of NCL Bahamas LTD 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 on or about February 23, 2026, Respondent admits to all jurisdictional and factual allegations, as stated in the Complaint. Respondent also agreed to the proposed order of six (6) 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 July 7, 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, Respondent's Coast Guard issued MMC is **SUSPENDED OUTRIGHT FOR SIX (6) 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 March 6, 2026, at
Alameda, California



Hon. Timothy G. Stueve
Administrative Law Judge
U.S. Coast Guard