

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

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Complainant

vs.

DENNIS BRIAN HAUTANIEMI,

Respondent.

**Docket Number 2023-0090
Enforcement Activity Number 7631616**

CONSENT ORDER

Issued: March 31, 2023

By: Honorable Walter J. Brudzinski, Chief Administrative Law Judge

Appearances:

**MS. DAWN M. KALLEN
USCG Sector Long Island Sound
For the Coast Guard**

**DENNIS BRIAN HAUTANIEMI, *Pro se*
For the Respondent**

CONSENT ORDER APPROVING SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

On March 1, 2023, the United States Coast Guard Sector Long Island Sound (Coast Guard) issued a Complaint against DENNIS BRIAN HAUTANIEMI (Respondent) for misconduct, in violation of 46 U.S.C. § 7703(1)(B) and 46 C.F.R. § 5.27.

Specifically, the Coast Guard alleges on January 14, 2023, Respondent was an employee of Military Sealift Command (MSC) aboard the USNS ERICSSON (T-A0 194) and was subject to MSC's and the USNS ERICSSON's policies and Ship's Orders. While onboard, Respondent was under the influence of alcohol, and had a blood alcohol concentration of 0.138, violating the USNS ERICSSON's Ship's Order # 13. Respondent was also found to be in possession of eight (8) 16oz cans of beer, violating the USNS ERICSSON's Ship's Order # 14. The Coast Guard proposed ten (10) months outright suspension of Respondent's Merchant Mariner Credential (MMC or credential).

On March 27, 2023, the Coast Guard submitted the parties' Motion for Approval of Settlement Agreement and Entry of Consent Order to be approved as a settlement of this case under 33 C.F.R. § 20.502. Pursuant to the Settlement Agreement (agreement), the parties agreed to a mitigated sanction of two (2) months outright suspension, followed by twelve (12) months of probation. Respondent shall not have a proven allegation of misconduct while on probation. If an allegation of misconduct is proven, then Respondent's MMC will be suspended outright for six (6) months, in addition to any imposed sanction resulting from the proven allegation

I have carefully reviewed the terms of the agreement and find that it is fair and reasonable and in substantial compliance with the requirements of 33 C.F.R. § 20.502.

WHEREFORE,

ORDER

Upon consideration of the record, it is hereby **ORDERED** that the Settlement Agreement is **APPROVED** in full and incorporated herein by reference. This Consent Order shall constitute full, final, and complete adjudication of this proceeding.

Done and dated March 31, 2023
New York, NY



HON. WALTER J. BRUDZINSKI
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE
UNITED STATES COAST GUARD