

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

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD,

Complainant,

vs.

WHITNEY BENJAMIN REITER,

Respondent.

**Docket Number 2023-0157
CG Enforcement Activity Number 7665917**

CONSENT ORDER

Issued: April 21, 2023

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

Appearances:

**CWO MICHAEL A. MICUCCI
USCG Sector Miami
For the Coast Guard**

**WHITNEY BENJAMIN REITER, *Pro se*
For the Respondent**

CONSENT ORDER APPROVING SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

On April 20, 2023, the United States Coast Guard Sector Miami (Coast Guard) issued a Complaint against WHITNEY BENJAMIN REITER (Respondent) seeking to revoke his Merchant Mariner Credential (MMC) for drug use in violation of 46 U.S.C. § 7704(b) and 46 C.F.R. § 5.35. Specifically, the Coast Guard alleges Respondent took a periodic drug test pursuant to 46 C.F.R. Part 16 on February 24, 2023, in which his specimen tested positive for cocaine metabolites.

Also on April 20, 2023, the parties in this case submitted a Motion for Approval of Settlement Agreement and Entry of Consent Order to be approved as a settlement of the case under 33 C.F.R. § 20.502.

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

ORDER

Upon consideration of the record, it is hereby **ORDERED**, 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 April 21, 2023
New York, NY



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