

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

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD,

Complainant,

vs.

FREDERICK BARROIS,

Respondent.

Docket Number 2024-0364
Enforcement Activity No. 7941591

ADMISSION ORDER

Issued: September 24, 2024

By Administrative Law Judge: Honorable Timothy G. Stueve

Appearances:

**Michael Varrichione
USCG Sector New Orleans**

For the Coast Guard

Frederick Barrois, pro se

For Respondent

On or about September 17, 2024, the United States Coast Guard (USCG or Coast Guard), filed a Complaint against Frederick Barrois (Respondent) alleging Respondent was convicted of violating Louisiana statute 14:35.3, Domestic Abuse Battery, a misdemeanor by the Twenty Fifth Judicial District Court of Louisiana Parish of Plaquemines. Respondent's conviction prevents the issuance or renewal of a Merchant Mariner Credential (MMC), as required by law or regulation in 46 USC § 7703.

The Coast Guard alleges:

1. On 24 May 2023, Respondent was convicted of violating Louisiana statute 14:35.3, Domestic Abuse Battery a misdemeanor, by the Twenty Fifth Judicial District Court State of Louisiana Parish of Plaquemines.
2. Respondent's conviction of violating Louisiana statute 14:35.3 is a conviction of an offense that would prevent the issuance of a Merchant Mariner Credential, as described in 46 U.S.C. § 7703(2).
3. In Aggravation: Respondent's conviction of 24 May 2023, was his second offense for violating Louisiana statute 14:35.3, Domestic Abuse Battery within 10 years.

In Respondent's Answer, filed September 17, 2024, Respondent admits to all jurisdictional and factual allegations, as stated in the Complaint. Respondent also agreed to the proposed order of twelve (12) month 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 May 24, 2023, Respondent violated Louisiana statute 14:35.3, Domestic Abuse Battery a misdemeanor, an offense that would prevent the issuance or renewal of a Merchant Mariner Credential as described in 46 U.S.C. § 7703(2).

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 TWELVE (12) 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 September 24, 2024, at
Alameda, California



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