

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

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD	)	
Complainant	)	
	)	Docket Number: 2024-0012
vs.	)	
	)	MISLE Activity ID:
KIP A. CHAPMAN	)	
Respondent.	)	

**ADMISSION ORDER**

**Issued:** February 20, 2024

Administrative Law Judge Honorable Brian J Curley

**Appearances:**

**For the Coast Guard**

Tim Smith  
Sector Ohio Valley

**For the Respondent**

Kip A. Chapman

## **ADMISSION ORDER**

On January 08, 2024, the United States Coast Guard Sector Sector Ohio Valley issued a Complaint against Respondent, Kip A. Chapman, alleging they violated 46 U.S.C. § 7703(1)(B). The Coast Guard proposes a sanction of 3 months outright suspension of Respondent's Merchant Mariner Credential (MMC).

In Respondent's Answer, dated January 17, 2024, they admit to all the jurisdictional and factual allegations, and agrees with the Coast Guard's proposed sanction. Respondent deposited their MMC with the Coast Guard on January 18, 2024.

### **WHEREFORE,**

Upon consideration of the record, I hereby **ORDER** that the allegations in the Complaint are **PROVED BY THE ANSWER**. 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.

**ORDER**

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that Respondent's Coast Guard issued Merchant Mariner Credentials are Suspended Outright for three (3) Months, commencing on the date Respondent's credentials were deposited with the USCG Sector Ohio Valley.

**SO ORDERED.**



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Brian J Curley  
Administrative Law Judge

Date: February 20, 2024