

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

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD,	)	
Complainant,	)	
	)	Docket Number: 2025-0214
vs.	)	
	)	Enforcement Activity Number: 8109442
GREGORY THOMAS FEENEY,	)	
Respondent.	)	

**ADMISSION ORDER**

**Issued:** June 3, 2025

**By Order of Administrative Law Judge: Hon. Jennifer A. Mehaffey**

**Appearances:**

**For the Coast Guard**

Adam J. Scheetz  
USCG Sector St. Petersburg

**For the Respondent**

Gregory Thomas Feeney, *Pro se*

On May 7, 2025, the United States Coast Guard Sector St. Petersburg (Coast Guard) issued a Complaint against Gregory Thomas Feeney (Respondent) alleging one count of violation of a regulation as described by 46 U.S.C. § 7703(1)(A) and defined by 46 C.F.R. § 5.33.

In the Complaint, the Coast Guard alleges Respondent acted under the authority of his Merchant Mariner Credential (MMC) by serving as a 2nd Assistant Engineer aboard the OVERSEAS CASCADE as required by an employer as a condition of employment. The Coast Guard further alleges:

1. The OVERSEAS CASCADE (ON 1221232) is a United States flagged vessel, inspected under 46 U.S.C. Chapter 33.
2. On February 28, 2025, Respondent was a crewmember operating the OVERSEAS CASCADE (ON 1221232), as described by 33 CFR § 95.015(b).
3. On February 28, 2025, at approximately 0355, while on board the OVERSEAS CASCADE, Respondent was observed by 3/M as having slurred speech and difficulty with balance coming up the gangway.
4. At approximately 0412, on board the OVERSEAS CASCADE, Respondent was also observed by the Captain and Chief Engineer as being under the influence of alcohol.
5. Based on the observations of the Captain and Chief Engineer, Respondent was in violation of the standard in 33 CFR § 95.020(c).
6. On February 28, 2025, Respondent was under the influence of alcohol, as defined by 33 CFR § 95.010, while aboard the OVERSEAS CASCADE in violation of 33 CFR § 95.045(b).
7. Violation of 33 CFR § 95.045(b) is a violation of a regulation as described by 46 U.S.C. § 7703(1)(A) and defined by 46 CFR § 5.33.

Based on these facts, the Coast Guard proposes a sanction of three (3) months outright suspension of Respondent's MMC.

In Respondent's Answer, dated May 7, 2025, he admits to all jurisdictional and factual allegations, and agrees with the proposed sanction.

Upon consideration of the record, I hereby find that the allegations in the Complaint are **PROVED BY ANSWER**. I find that on February 28, 2025, Respondent committed an act of violation of a regulation as described by 46 U.S.C. § 7703(1)(A) and defined by 46 C.F.R. § 5.33.

**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** that Respondent's violation of regulation as described by 46 U.S.C. § 7703(1)(A) and defined by 46 C.F.R. § 5.33 is **PROVED BY ANSWER**.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that Respondent's MMC is **SUSPENDED OUTRIGHT FOR THREE (3) MONTHS**, commencing on the date Respondent deposits his credential 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 June 3, 2025  
New York, NY



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HON. JENNIFER A. MEHAFFEY  
Administrative Law Judge  
United States Coast Guard