

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

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD,

Complainant,

vs.

OLIVIER ESPECA,

Respondent.

Docket Number 2025-0216
Enforcement Activity No. 8106456

ADMISSION ORDER

Issued: April 30, 2025

By Administrative Law Judge: Honorable Timothy G. Stueve

Appearances:

**Michael Micucci
Sector Miami
For the Coast Guard**

Olivier Especa, pro se

For Respondent

On or about April 28, 2025, the United States Coast Guard (USCG or Coast Guard), filed a Complaint against Olivier Especa (Respondent) alleging Respondent committed misconduct while acting under the authority of Respondent's Merchant Mariner Credential (MMC) as Crew Member aboard the vessel OHIO, as required by law or regulation.

The Coast Guard alleges:

1. On April 1, 2025, Respondent was employed by the Fairwater Tanker Management and subject to Fairwater Tanker Management policies.
2. On April 1, 2025, Fairwater Tanker Management had a zero-tolerance policy prohibiting employees from being intoxicated onboard the T/V OHIO (1255199).
3. On April 1, 2025, Respondent was intoxicated with a BAC of 0.134% while onboard the T/V OHIO, in violation of Fairwater's Drug and Alcohol policy.
4. Respondent's violation of Fairwater's Drug and Alcohol policy is Misconduct, as described by 46 U.S.C. § 7703(1)(B) and defined by 46 C.F.R. § 5.27.

In Respondent's Answer, dated April 21, 2025, Respondent admits to all jurisdictional and factual allegations, as stated in the Complaint. Respondent also agreed to the proposed order of six (6) months 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 April 1, 2025, Respondent's violation of Fairwater's Drug and Alcohol policy is Misconduct, as described by 46 U.S.C. § 7703(1)(B) and defined by 46 C.F.R. § 5.27.

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 SIX (6) 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 April 30, 2025, at
Alameda, California



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