

United States District Court  
Southern District of Texas

**ENTERED**

December 09, 2019

David J. Bradley, Clerk

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
GALVESTON DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT	§	
AND PETITION OF JOSEPH ANTHONY	§	
BONO, III AS OWNER OF THE M/V	§	CIVIL ACTION NO. 3:19-CV-71
RUNABOUT FOR EXONERATION	§	
FROM OR LIMITATION OF LIABILITY	§	

**FINAL ORDER OF DISMISSAL WITH PREJUDICE  
AND EXONERATION FROM LIABILITY**

On November 11, 2019, the Petitioner, Joseph Anthony Bono, III, and Claimant, Lisa Bromiley filed a joint Notice of Voluntary Dismissal With Prejudice (Dkt. 20) pursuant to Rule 41(a)(1)(A)(ii) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. Accordingly, the Court hereby enters this Final Order of Dismissal with Prejudice and Exoneration From Liability, based on the following, which the Court is advised Petitioner and Claimant have agreed to in form and in substance:

1. Petitioner Joseph Anthony Bono, III, as owner of the M/V Roundabout filed a Complaint and Petition for Exoneration from or Limitation of Liability (“Complaint”) on February 20, 2019, which included all the required exhibits and attachments (Dkt. 1).

2. In connection with the Complaint, Petitioner filed a Monition (Dkt. 2); proposed Order of Monition (Dkt. 2-1); Notice to Claimants of Complaint and Petition for Exoneration from or Limitation of Liability (Dkt. 3); and Motion to Approve Order of Limitation, Petitioner’s Stipulation of Value, Surety, Direct to Issuance of Notice, and Restrain the Prosecution of Claims (Dkt. 4).

3. On March 14, 2019, the Court entered an Initial Order on Complaint for

Exoneration from or Limitation of Liability directing any persons with claims arising from the incident involving the Vessel or any persons with objections to Petitioner's right of exoneration from or limitation of liability to file such claims or objections under oath by May 10, 2019 (Dkt. 8).

4. The Court, also on March 14, 2019, entered a Monition (Dkt. 9).

5. Claimant filed on March 22, 2019 an Answer, Affirmative Defenses and Claim for Damages to Petitioner's Complaint (Dkts. 10 and 11).

6. Petitioner filed an Answer to Claimant's Claim for Damages on March 26, 2019 (Dkt. 12).

7. On April 19, 2019, Petitioner filed an Affidavit of Publication (Dkt. 13).

8. No person or entity, other than Claimant, filed a claim and the deadline of May 10, 2019 has passed. Therefore, the Court hereby defaults all persons or entities who have not timely filed claims, and decrees any additional claims are relinquished and forever barred.

9. The Court is advised that Petitioner and Claimant have reached an amicable resolution of Claimant's claims and notes that a Notice of Stipulation of Voluntary Dismissal with Prejudice (Dkt. 20) was filed. Accordingly, Claimant's claims are **DISMISSED WITH PREJUDICE**.

10. Therefore, the Court, having now defaulted all persons or entities who did not timely file a claim, having decreed any additional claims as forever relinquished and barred, and being advised Claimant has dismissed her Claim for Damages and Answer to Petitioner's Complaint, finds there are no remaining claims. The Court issues Petitioner a

final decree of exoneration from liability.

Each party shall bear its own attorneys' fees and costs.

THIS IS A FINAL JUDGMENT.

SIGNED at Galveston, Texas, this 9th day of December, 2019.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Jeff Brown", positioned above a horizontal line.

JEFFREY VINCENT BROWN  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE