

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF
CALIFORNIA

In re Complaint and Petition of Efrain Camacho, as owner of a motor
vessel, a 2024 Bayliner VR5, for Exoneration from or Limitation of
Liability

Camacho · No. 2:25-cv-03604-WBS-CKD · Decided December 22, 2025

SUMMARY

This is an order of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of California in an admiralty limitation-of-liability proceeding brought by Efrain Camacho concerning a 2024 Bayliner VR5. The order approves the stipulation for vessel value and security, directs potential claimants to file and serve claims by March 2, 2026, orders publication of notice, and restrains prosecution of related claims outside the proceeding. It is dated December 19, 2025, and was signed by U.S. District Judge William B. Shubb.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	United States District Court for the Eastern District of California
WRITING FOR THE COURT	William B. Shubb
DECIDED	December 22, 2025
DOCKET	2:25-cv-03604-WBS-CKD
DISPOSITION	other
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Petitioner's exoneration-from-or-limitation-of-liability proceeding under the Limitation of Liability Act was before the district court on a stipulation for vessel value and security. The court approved the stipulation, issued a monition, directed claimants to file claims and answers, and restrained prosecution of related claims outside the limitation proceeding.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	unknown; district court interlocutory order

TOPICS

- limitation of liability
- admiralty
- injunctions
- default
- civil procedure

PRACTICE AREAS

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether the court should approve the petitioner's stipulation for the value of the vessel and the security provided in the form of a letter of undertaking.
2. Whether the court should issue a monition directing all potential claimants to file claims and answers by a specified deadline.
3. Whether the court should restrain prosecution of related claims and proceedings outside the limitation action.

HOLDINGS

1. The court approved the stipulation for the value of the vessel and the security provided through the letter of undertaking.
2. The court directed issuance of a monition requiring persons with claims arising from the incident to file claims and, if contesting the petitioner's right to exoneration or limitation, an answer in accordance with Supplemental Admiralty Rule F by March 2, 2026.
3. The court stayed and restrained the beginning or continued prosecution of actions or proceedings concerning claims arising from or connected with the incident, except in the limitation proceeding.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“the beginning or continued prosecution of any and all suit actions, or legal proceedings of any nature or description whatsoever, except in the present proceeding, in respect of any claim arising out of, consequent upon, or in connection with the aforesaid incident involving the Vessel, described in the Complaint for Exoneration from or Limitation of Liability, are hereby stayed and restrained until the hearing and termination of this proceeding.” (at 2)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Efrain Camacho was the owner of a 2024 Bayliner VR5 at the time of and after a May 10, 2025 incident on the navigable waters of the Sacramento River in California. He filed a limitation proceeding seeking exoneration from, or alternatively limitation of, liability for claims arising from the incident. The court considered a stipulation valuing the vessel and security in the form of a letter of undertaking.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Efrain Camacho filed a complaint on December 14, 2025, seeking exoneration from or limitation of liability for claims arising from a May 10, 2025 incident involving the vessel on the Sacramento River. The court considered the complaint and the filed stipulation for value and security, approved the letter of undertaking, established a March 2, 2026 deadline for claims and answers, ordered publication of notice, and stayed related proceedings.

DISPOSITION

other

CASES CITED

- Complaint of Dammers, 836 F.2d 750, 753 n.2 (2d Cir. 1988)

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