

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.

OPINION

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Camacho 8 9 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 10 EASTERN DISTRICT OF
CALIFORNIA 11 IN ADMIRALTY 12 I N RE: COMPLAINT AND PETITION 13 OF EFRAIN
CAMACHO, as owner of a Case No. 2:25-cv-03604-WBS-CKD motor vessel, a 2024 Bayliner
VR5, 14 FOR EXONERATION FROM OR Hon. William B. Shubb LIMITATION OF
LIABILITY ORDER APPROVING 15 STIPULATION FOR VALUE AND LETTER OF
UNDERTAKING, 16 Petitioner and Plaintiff-in-Limitation.

DIRECTING CLAIMANTS TO FILE AND MAKE PROOF OF CLAIMS, 17 DIRECTING THE
ISSUANCE OF MONITION, AND RESTRAINING 18 PROSECUTION OF CLAIMS 19 20
WHEREAS, EFRAIN CAMACHO (“Petitioner”), as owner of the vessel 21 (hereinafter “the
Vessel”), has filed a Complaint on December 14, 2025, pursuant to 22 46 U.S.C. §§ 30501, et seq.,
and Supplemental Admiralty Rule F, claiming the right 23 to exoneration from, or alternatively,
limitation of liability for, all claims arising out 24 of a claimed incident on the navigable waters of
the Sacramento River, California, 25 and Petitioner was the owner of the Vessel at the time of and
after the May 10, 2025 26 incident, and on considering the Complaint and Stipulation for Value of

the vessel, 27 which are on file, stating the value of the Vessel to be estimated as FORTY-NINE 1 and provided security for ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000.00) as required by 2 Admiralty L. R. 520(b); 3 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Court approves the stipulation for value 4 and the security in the form of the letter of undertaking filed in this action (See 5 Complaint of Dammers, et al., 836 F.2d 750, 753, n.2 (2d Cir.

1988)); and it is 6 further 7 ORDERED that a Monition issue against all persons having such claims for 8 any and all losses, personal injuries, destruction of property, as alleged in 9 Petitioner's Complaint for Exoneration from or Limitation of Liability must file 10 them as provided by Rule F of the Supplemental Rules for Certain Admiralty and 11 Maritime Claims with the Clerk of this Court, Mr. Keith Holland, United States 12 District Court, Eastern District of California, Robert T. Matsui United States 13 Courthouse, 501 I Street, 4th floor, Room 4-200, Sacramento, California 95814 and 14 mail copies to Petitioner's attorneys, B. Otis Felder, Esq., WILSON, ELSER, 15 MOSKOWITZ, EDELMAN & DICKER LLP, 655 Montgomery Street, Suite 900, 16 San Francisco, CA 94111, on or before the 2nd day of March 2026, subject to the 17 rights or any person claiming damages who shall have presented a claim to answer 18 the Complaint and to controvert, or be defaulted and forever barred from such a 19 claim, and that any claimant desiring to contest Petitioner's right to exoneration 20 from or limitation of liability must file an Answer to Petitioner's original complaint 21 and/or a claim as required by Rule F(4) – (5) of the Supplemental Rules, and serve 22 or mail a copy to Petitioner's attorney; and it is further 23 ORDERED, that public notice of the Monition be given by publication in a 24 newspaper published in the Eastern District of California, such publication in said 25 papers to be for at least four successive weeks before the return date of this Order 26 demanding the presentation of all claims against Petitioner as well as that Petitioner 27 give notice as to counsel for any known claimants; and it is further 1 ORDERED, that the beginning or continued prosecution of any and all suit 2 || actions, or legal proceedings of any nature or description whatsoever, except in tl 3 || present proceeding, in respect of any claim arising out of, consequent upon, or | 4 ||connection with the aforesaid incident involving the Vessel, described in tt 5 ||Complaint for Exoneration from or Limitation of Liability, are hereby stayed ar 6 || restrained until the hearing and termination of this proceeding.

7 SO ORDERED. Dated: December 19, 2025 9. - oh lew, (hth. te— 10 ii Vi ha 11 UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 1 Respectfully submitted, 2 WILSON ELSEER MOSKOWITZ 3 EDELMAN & DICKER LLP 4 By: “V2. AA 5 B. OTIS FELDER, ESQ. CSB Certified Admiralty 6 & Maritime Law Specialist 7 Limitarion Efrain Camacho 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28