

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

PATRICK ROY HARPER, Petitioner,

AND

F/V MARIAN (U.S. Official No. 250759), Petitioner,

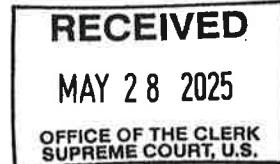
v.

PETER GEORGES, et al., Respondents.

On Petition for a Writ of Certiorari to the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

MOTION FOR LEAVE TO PROCEED AS A SEAMAN PURSUANT TO 28 U.S.C. § 1916 AND SUPREME COURT RULE 40

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1916 and Supreme Court Rule 40, Petitioner Christopher A. Harper, appearing pro se, respectfully moves for leave to proceed as a seaman without prepayment of fees or costs and without furnishing security therefor.



Petitioner is the owner, steward, and federally documented operator of the F/V Marian (U.S. Official No. 250759), a commercial fishing vessel with a federal fishery endorsement and operating under the laws of the United States. As such, Petitioner qualifies as a seaman under Title 46 of the United States Code and established maritime precedent.

An affidavit attesting to Petitioner's seaman status is attached hereto and incorporated by reference. A copy of this motion and the accompanying affidavit shall precede and be attached to each copy of the Petition for a Writ of Certiorari submitted to the Court.

Respectfully submitted, DATED: 5/1/2025

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AFFIDAVIT OF SEAMAN STATUS PURSUANT TO 28 U.S.C. § 1916

I, PATRICK ROY HARPER,... verify ... under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, as follows:

I am the Petitioner in the above-captioned matter and I make this declaration in support of my Motion for Leave to Proceed as a Seaman under 28 U.S.C. § 1916.

I am a seaman within the meaning of federal maritime law. I am the owner, steward, and operator of the F/V MARIAN (U.S. Official No. 250759), a federally documented commercial fishing vessel with a current and valid fishery endorsement, operating under the laws of the United States.

My duties, income, and livelihood are integrally connected with the operation of this commercial fishing vessel, and I have standing to assert claims arising under admiralty and maritime jurisdiction.

This action arises directly under the maritime laws and Constitution of the United States and involves federal maritime contracts, constitutional protections, and violations of rights secured by the general maritime law.

I respectfully request that the Court grant me leave to proceed without prepayment of fees or the furnishing of security, as provided by law for seamen bringing suit under 28 U.S.C. § 1916.

I ... verify ... under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.
Executed on this 1st day of May 2025.

PATRICK ROY HARPER Petitioner

AND

F/V MARIAN (U.S. Official No. 250759), Petitioner,

 5/24/2025