

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA
FORT MYERS DIVISION

PALM ISLAND WATER TAXI,
INC., as owner of a 26-foot Old Port
Launch Passenger Vessel
CLERMONT bearing Hull
Identification Number
OMX260875E98,

Petitioner,

v.

Case No.: 2:22-cv-191-SPC-KCD

UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS,

Defendant.

ORDER¹

Before the Court is the parties' Joint Motion to Stay Petitioner's Petition for Exoneration From or Limitation of Liability. ([Doc. 33](#)). In this maritime case, Petitioner Palm Island Water Taxi, Inc. ("Palm Island") filed a petition for limitation of liability. Only one claimant, Tina Adams, filed a claim. No other claimants appeared. The parties agree that Adams is entitled to prosecute her case in state court if the parties stipulate that Palm Island's

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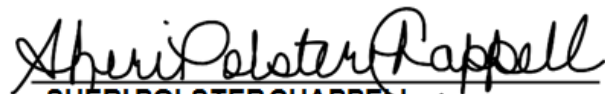
federal limitation action is protected, which they do. So the Court grants the parties' Joint Motion.

Accordingly, it is now

ORDERED:

1. The parties' Joint Motion to Stay Petitioner's Petition for Exoneration From or Limitation of Liability ([Doc. 33](#)) is **GRANTED**.
2. The Court approves and adopts the parties' stipulations ([Doc. 33](#)) and incorporates them by reference in this Order.
3. This case is **STAYED** pending resolution of the state-court action.
4. The parties must **FILE** a joint status report on the progress of the state-court action **on June 2, 2023**, and every **six (6) months** thereafter.
5. Within **seven (7) days** of the state-court action resolving, the parties must **FILE** a notice saying as much and indicating whether further proceedings are necessary here.
6. The Clerk is **DIRECTED** to **ADD** a stay flag on the docket.

DONE and **ORDERED** in Fort Myers, Florida on December 2, 2022.


SHERI POLSTER CHAPPELL
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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