

MARINE TRANSPORT WORKERS' TRADE UNION OF UKRAINE E-BULLETIN



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Dear seafarers!

Marine Transport Workers' Trade Union of Ukraine takes care of you and your families not only when you are ashore, but when you are at the sea. In order to keep you informed about our activities, we designed this monthly E-BULLETIN which guides you through all our achievements and events provided by our Union. Any suggestions and proposal are welcome. Stay connected!

Yours sincerely, Oleg Grygoriuk
First Vice Chairman
MTWTU

MTWTU PILOT SEMINAR FOR ITS MEMBERS



On January 26, the MTWTU arranged a seminar for seafarers, its members, aimed at increasing

their financial literacy.

It should be noted that seafarers' wives were also very much interested in the subject, provided that they are most often entrusted with the task of running the domestic finances.

"We try to keep up with the times and make our seafarers abreast of current trends. We constantly conduct surveys to determine the matters of seafarers' special interest, and today the most popular is 'future well-being'. We try to help seafarers filter and reorganize the vast amounts of information they receive daily in our rapidly evolving environment", said Oleg Grygoriuk, MTWTU First Vice Chair.

TIME TO GIVE PRESENTS! UNION CONGRATULATES UKRAINIAN CREW



On the eve of the winter holidays, the MTWTU decided to slightly change the format of its ordinary ship visit and, among other things, to congratulate the crew on the upcoming New Year and Christmas. The choice fell on the bulk carrier Condor, called the Odessa seaport for grain loading. The bulker has been covered by the

collective agreement of the International Bargaining Forum (IBF) standard, concluded between the MTWTU and V.Ships Ukraine. Therefore, all the Ukrainian crew members of mv Condor have been registered with the MTWTU, and enjoy the access to all the benefits offered by the Union.

Having learnt that the Odessites from Condor will see their families, and, therefore, will be able to hand over the tickets to the New Year matinees, the Union organized the delivery of these invitations directly on board the ship. Thanks to this initiative, each Condor seafarer was able to please his family with a small New Year gift, despite the coming separation and distance. In addition, each crew member of Condor was able to update his Trade Union Membership Card directly on board. The crew of 20 seafarers did not fail to take advantage of this unique opportunity and obtained the new-type Union Cards.

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WHEN KIDS' DREAMS COME TRUE!

Thousands of seafarers' children celebrated the most magical holiday of the year together with the Union. The MTWTU organized New Year matinees and exciting performances for the children of seafarers, the Union members from various cities of Ukraine: Kyiv, Odessa, Kherson, Niklayev and Izmail.



ODESSA-STYLE FUN NIGHT WITH THE UNION

The MTWTU never ceases to amaze and please its members-seafarers and their beloved ones. This time, the Union's invitation to visit the musical performance "7:40 or Let's Have Fun in Odessa" was happily accepted by more than 20 seafarers. The mariners and their families visited the Beit Grand Jewish Cultural Centre to watch the very Odessa-style performance, starring famous Odessa actors Yakov Gopp and Irina Tokarchuk, with inimitable jokes and classy songs about Odessa. Seafarers say "It's always more fun when the Union is there with us".



"OUR MAIN GOAL IS TO PREPARE A NEW GENERATION OF CONSCIENTIOUS SEAMEN"

Oleg Grygoriuk,
MTWTU First Vice Chairman



The MTWTU First Vice Chairman Oleg Grygoriuk met with the trade union activists - cadets of the National University «Odessa Maritime Academy» in the Union Office. The cadets learnt of the latest maritime developments, of the scope of the Union activities, of its primary goals, plans for future and projects for the new year 2018.

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