

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
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NEW COOPERATION PERSPECTIVES

With the support of the Marine Transport Workers' Trade Union of Ukraine, the AVANT Training Center of Seafarers, Anglo-Eastern Ukraine and the Chernomorsk Harbour Master's Office held a joint seminar for seafarers on application of the International Convention for the Control and Management of Ships' Ballast Water and Sediments.

Opening the seminar, the MTWTU representative gave information on the MTWTU activities, achievements and challenges daily performed, made and solved by the Trade Union for the benefit of Ukrainian seafarers. The further speakers familiarized the seafarers with the main provisions of the Convention, with the practical application of its requirements on sea-going vessels, as well as with the control of compliance with the requirements of the Convention performed by the Port State Control.



Among the topics of discussion were the MTWTU achievements at the international and national levels, social programs for seafarers, registered with the Union, amendments to the Maritime Labor Convention, 2006 to better protect abandoned seafarers, prevention of diseases associated with the maritime profession and much more. The questions of the seminar participants were answered by First Vice Chairman MTWTU Oleg Grygoriuk and ITF Inspector in Ukraine Nataliya Yefrimenko.



STAY TUNED TO THE MARTIME NEWS

The Marine Transport Workers' Trade Union of Ukraine invited seafarers, MTWTU members to an information seminar. About a hundred seamen received a unique opportunity to learn about the latest news and recent developments in the marine industry.

WHEN SPORT CAN CHANGE THE WORLD

In the period from May 31 to June 4, the resort of Albena, Bulgaria, hosted the VI National Spartakiada of Transport Workers organized by the Federation of Transport Trade Unions of Bulgaria. It was the second time already when the MTWTU team represented Ukraine in these amateur competitions. Recall that last year, the MTWTU team showed excellent results, winning a lot of medals. This year the Ukrainian team consisted exclusively of seafarers, MTWTU members, registered with the Local Black Sea Trade Union Organization of Seafarers. More than 200 participants from 12 teams, including

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Ukrainian and Croatian national teams of seafarers, competed in 12 sports, where the most spectacular was, of course, football.

Our team was felt to have attitude for victory. They won the first stage of the competitions, which allowed participating in the playoffs and taking an honorable prize in the final.

Matters of particular pride are the two gold medals – in swimming and athletics – brought by Alexander Sholpan (the gold medalist of last year's swimming competitions) and Sergey Gusev. Our sportsmen also took part in streetball, petanque, beach volleyball and chess tournaments.



TRADE UNION CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY

Traditionally, the Marine Transport Workers' Trade Union of Ukraine and the Welfare Fund of Maritime Transport «MORTRANS» arranged a true festivity for the children of the MTWTU members to celebrate the International Children's Day. Families of seafarers always enjoy such Trade Union activities, appreciating bright memories they receive as well as nice gifts from the organizers.



This year the Turtle-Seafarer became the symbol of the holiday - a soft toy, received by each little guest. Also each child celebrating Birthday in May received additional gifts from the entertainment complex IGROLAND.

BEST FILM PREMIERES THE UNION BRINGS

In June, the Marine Transport Workers' Trade Union of Ukraine twice invited the seafarers – MTWTU members together with their families to the most anticipated movie premieres of this summer. This time about a thousand seafarers, their relatives and friends watched the worthy continuation of the popular franchise “Transformers: The Last Knight” and sequel of the beloved cartoon “Despicable Me 3”. Spectators could appreciate the bright special effects, famously twisted stories and laugh at the antics and jokes of the cartoon characters.

As seamen admit, great to have the Union continuing the tradition of arranging a real holiday for seafarers, their families and friends.



INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE SEAFARER WITH THE UNION

The Union celebrated the Day of the Seafarer 2017 together with five hundred of its trade union members and their families in the beach complex Private Elling. The event was opened by MTWTU First Vice Chairman Oleg Grygoriuk: “The MTWTU is glad to welcome all the guests of our holiday! Let each of you have a great time today, have some rest, communicate with relatives, friends and colleagues. Today you will hear many congratulations and warm words, and our Union joins all of them. We wish all Ukrainian seafarers consent, good health, happiness, optimism, family warmth, well-being and, as they say, fair winds and following seas!”

