

MARINE TRANSPORT WORKERS' TRADE UNION OF UKRAINE

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E-BULLETIN



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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The issue of licensing of mediation in employment of seafarers

Under the MTWTU auspices it was organized and held a consultative workshop on “Mediation in seafarers' employment abroad: latest changes in Legislation”.

The Union has created a platform for discussion, where the key players of Odessa maritime business had an excellent opportunity to directly ask questions to Elena Bunyakina, Head of the Licensing Department for Mediation in Employment Abroad of the Labour Market and Employment Department of the Ministry of Social Policy of Ukraine.

The issuance procedure of Seafarers' Identity Documents needs to be simplified

That's the issue discussed at the meeting with crewing companies' representatives, organized by the

MTWTU on March 18, 2016. The well-known is the fact that today the current legislation doesn't provide the unified list of documents required for the registration of seafarers' identity documents. In fact, each Harbor Master can independently determine what documents need to be provided by a seafarer.

Following the meeting, the MTWTU will direct the issuance procedure improvement initiatives to the Minister of Infrastructure of Ukraine with a request to take them into account during the preparation of a regulatory act.

The Union congratulated women on 8th of March

According to a tradition the Marine Transport Workers' Trade Union of Ukraine invited the wives of seafarers – trade union members to the Head office.

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The MTWTU leadership told the ladies of the social programs the Union offers to its' members and their families, and of the upcoming events the Union has already scheduled for them. Thereafter the ladies were offered to participate in a special seminar on Financial Literacy, answering the variety of questions: how to plan a family budget, how to attract wealth into the house, and so on. And of course for each guest the Union provided special gifts and refreshments.

MTWTU launches the intellectual game – The Union Ring



At the initiative of the MTWTU Youth Council and with the support of the Marine Transport Workers' Trade Union of Ukraine and the Welfare Fund of Maritime Transport "MORTRANS", on March 4, 2016 for the very first time was held the Trade Union intellectual game – The Union Ring.

The competitors had to answer a number of questions on trade union topic, recall some historical facts and

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geography of the seas. All the participants showed a high level of knowledge, giving the correct answers actively and with interest.



A whole new ball game: seafarers played in a bowling alley

Seafarers' family values have always been a priority for the Marine Transport Workers' Trade Union of Ukraine, and that's the reason why we conduct so many family activities for our members.

The bowling tournament, arranged jointly by the MTWTU and the Local Black Sea Trade Union Organization of Seafarers on March 19, 2016, was full of excitement, positive emotions and strong desire to win.

8 teams representing different companies participated in the amateur competition. Oleg Grygoriuk, First Vice Chairman MTWTU opened the bowling tournament among seafarers, and after his throw the game started.

After the hot battle, the first place went to the OSM-TEAM. The award for the highest score won Yurii Miskov, and the most active participant among the women was Valentina Bessonova, who also received the memorebale prize from the Union.

