



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 while you are in the seas.

In order to keep you informed about our work, we develop this monthly E-BULLETIN which tells you about all the activities and events conducted by our Union.

We're always happy to get feedback from you – any suggestions or proposals are welcome!

Yours sincerely,
Oleg Grygoriuk
First Vice Chairman



New generation is concerned with HIV / AIDS problem

World AIDS Day is held on the 1st December each year, and annually Marine Transport Workers' Trade Union of Ukraine attracts the attention of young people – the future maritime industry workers – to HIV / AIDS problematics. In 2014 there were 2 million officially registered new HIV infections in the world, and these statistics are very sad.

Young trade unionists from the Odessa National Maritime University and the Odessa National Maritime Academy – members of the MTWTU Youth Council, volunteered to raise the issue of HIV / AIDS among their classmates, and on December 1st discussed how to protect yourself and prevent the transmission of this terrible disease.

MTWTU in the Kherson State Maritime Academy

On 7 and 8 December the Kherson State

Maritime Academy hosted the delegation of Marine Transport Workers' Trade Union of Ukraine. This time there was held a meeting not only with the management and teaching staff of the Academy, but with the students as well.



On December 7 MTWTU met with the students of secondary courses. Vladimir Khodakovsky, Rector of the Kherson State Maritime Academy, told the students about the joint investment project of the International Maritime Employers' Council (IMEC) and Marine Transport Workers' Trade Union of Ukraine. Then Oleg Grygoriuk, First Vice Chairman of MTWTU, reported of Trade Union activities, its history and purposes.

On December 8 there was held a meeting with the students of senior courses. Oleg Grygoriuk spoke to the audience, presenting MTWTU activities: special attention was paid to the relations with shipowners, seafarers' welfare, informational support and claims handling. The future seafarers asked a variety of questions related to their future work and Oleg Grygoriuk gave



them satisfactory answers. In addition, Elina Karavan, chairman of MTWTU Youth Council provided brief information on the problems seafarers face and advised how to avoid such problems.

Marine Transport Workers' Trade Union of Ukraine invited seafarers and their families to a private screening of the film In the Heart of the Sea



In the winter of 1820, the New England whaling ship Essex was assaulted by something no one could believe: a whale of mammoth size and will, and an almost human sense of vengeance. The real-life maritime disaster would inspire Herman Melville's Moby-Dick.



Seafarers visiting MTWTU office



On the eve of New Year and Christmas holidays the doors of head office of Marine Transport Workers' Trade Union of Ukraine are open to all the Trade Union members! Seafarers come to the Union together with their families being sure that MTWTU is always there to help.



Season's Greetings

