



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 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
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The MTWTU expressed solidarity and support to Australian seafarers

The Australian manned CSL Melbourne has been replaced by the Flag of Convenience (FOC) ship Skyfall, operated by Greek Company "Prime Bulk Ship Management" to carry domestic product between Gladstone and Newcastle. Thus the Filipino crew is to replace the Australian seafarers, currently employed by the Company.

The MTWTU forwarded a letter to support the Australian colleagues: "On behalf of 70,000 members of the Marine Transport Workers' Trade Union of Ukraine we would like to express our wholehearted support to the Maritime Union of Australia in their fight for both Australian seafarers, unfairly affected, and for world's ones, whose rights for minimum international standards for welfare, conditions and security have been violated".

Besides that the MTWTU addressed the Ukrainian officers as well employed on board CSL Melbourne with a request to "**render all**

possible support and assistance to the Australian brothers, aimed at securing their workplaces and protecting their families at home, and fighting for the decent working conditions for all the seafarers around the globe".



5,500 seafarers' children attended the New Year matinees

The MTWTU annually organizes New Year matinees for children of the trade union members. During winter holidays of December 2015 and January 2016, 5,500 seafarers' children had a chance to plunge into a fairy tale together with the trade union.



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Summing up the photo contest

In 2015 the Union announced of a photo contest among the trade union members. We received a large number of photos, and the best 22 were selected to the exhibition in the premises of Odessa Passenger Terminal. Soon the MTWTU would announce the winners, who will receive their well-deserved prizes. Follow the news on our website www.mtwtu.org.ua to learn more of the contests, held by the MTWTU.



Seafarers went to the movies

On January 29 the MTWTU again invited its members to the closed pre-opening screening of the movie «The Finest Hours». The official premiere of the film in Ukraine was scheduled for February 4th, but the MTWTU members had a chance to enjoy the vivid special effects and excellent acting already in January. Movies arranged by the Union is another chance for seafarers to enjoy the time spent with their families. Representatives of the MTWTU Youth Council – cadets of National University



«Odessa Maritime Academy» and students of Odessa National Maritime University attended the premiere as well.



Warning – Zika Virus

The MTWTU warns seafarers: be aware of the Zika virus. The disease is transmitted to people through the bites of infected mosquitoes in tropical regions. These mosquitoes as well carry dengue fever, Chikungunya virus and yellow fever.

The symptoms of Zika are similar to those of dengue: fever, skin rash, conjunctivitis, pain in muscles and joints, malaise and headache. These symptoms are usually mild and last for two days to a week.

Fortunately, Zika virus does not pose a serious danger to the life of infected people, but the prevention and treatment measures have to be familiar to everyone. Especially to seafarers working in countries where the disease is spreading rapidly.