

# 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  
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## ONGOING DEVELOPMENT UNCOVERS NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR SEAFARERS



On September 4-5, 2019, in Odessa, the Marine Transport Workers' Trade Union of Ukraine, National University "Odessa Maritime Academy" and Safety Vision Ltd carried out a presentation and seminar for seafarers in Odessa.

On the first day, representatives of the international company introduced its activities in the sphere of professional development of merchant and offshore fleet specialists.

The next day, seafarers, the MTWTU members, learnt the Behavioral Based Safety (BBS) course. This course of basic safety testing and inspection, which teaches seafarers not just the basic regulations, they are required to know under the main maritime conventions, but the ability to search for the original cause of problems in order to terminate them in the outset. The seafarers were

not only told about safety, but taught preventive measures in case of unpleasant situations in the workplace.

## DIRECT EMPLOYMENT: SECRETS REVEALED



On September 12, seafarers, members of the MTWTU, took part in career counseling training called "How to Find Direct Employment" in the Maritime Union Center. The speaker of the event was experienced First Officer Denis Lysiuk with over ten years of seagoing experience. Denis, as a founder of the Rhumb- Fleet project for seafarers, has been conducting practical trainings for mariners for several years already. At the training, the participants discussed what instruments can and should be used to find employment, how to behave during an interview, how to present yourself to the employer in the best possible way, the priorities of getting a job directly and the right approach to filling out a curriculum vitae (CV).

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## SECRETS OF COMMUNICATION: HOW TO ACHIEVE SUCCESS IN SOCIAL INTERCOURSE



During a training at the Maritime Union Center, Ivan Nenov, Honored Journalist of Ukraine, Philosophy Doctor in Political Science, Associate Professor, Member of the National Writers' Union of Ukraine and the National Writers' Union of Bulgaria, shared the secrets of communication with seafarers – members of the MTWTU.

As the speaker said, one of the main principles of the psychology of communicating with people is that while making contacts not only speech is important. Gestures, facial expressions, intonation, the emotional coloration of what we say also bear certain information message

## PORT STATE CONTROL ONBOARD!



The Marine Transport Workers' Trade Union of Ukraine continues on practical seminars for seafarers – members of the MTWTU.

Thus, on September 6, 2019, seafarers gathered to discuss the most common safety-related deficiencies found on board by the Port State Control officers.

Speaker of the meeting was Dmitry Parkhomenko, acting Second Officer, founder of EdMarine educational project for seafarers.

Port State Control (PSC) is the inspection of foreign ships in national ports to verify that the condition of the ship and its equipment comply with the requirements of international regulations and that the ship is manned and operated in compliance with these rules.

At the Union's seminar, seafarers analyzed most common remarks received from the PSC officers; discussed what officers check on an ongoing basis and how to feel confident after one says "Port State Control Onboard."

## STARTING CAREER PATH WITH THE UNION



Recently, there was launched the new MTWTU initiative aiming to raise the union awareness among the National University "Odessa Maritime Academy" cadets. Thus, there is a local trade union organization of cadets in the NU "OMA", and now each Tuesday, about 30 cadets visit the MTWTU Union Center, where our experts tell them about the ITF, the MTWTU, and all basic information every seafarer should know.

Despite there were just several meetings yet, we get a lot of positive feedback from our guests each week, which gives us inspiration to continue the project with even more determination!

## IN THE WORLD OF INTERESTING SCIENCE



The first school week for children of seafarers, members of the MTWTU, concluded with a splendid holiday at the Museum of Interesting Science.

Celebrating the Knowledge Day, the MTWTU and the Welfare Fund of Maritime Transport MORTRANS gave bright impressions to the dozens of seafarers' children. The interactive science and entertainment museum owns a fascinating collection of unique showpieces from the world of science. Each museum exhibit allows the children to take a fresh look at what previously seemed boring or difficult to learn.

Young guests also participated in exciting experiments and competitions. But the main surprise was the entertaining and educational show called Soap Astronomy.