



# MARINE TRANSPORT WORKERS' TRADE UNION OF UKRAINE E - BULLETIN

Dear All!

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The Marine Transport Workers' Trade Union of Ukraine is always there to take care about its members – seafarers and their families. The Union extends its social coverage to seafarers, both when they are at sea and ashore. In order to keep you informed of our activities, we have developed this monthly E-BULLETIN, aimed to guide you through our most recent and significant achievements and activities, provided by our Union. Any suggestions and proposal are very welcome. Stay tuned for more information!

The MTWTU team works every day, striving to do its best for the Ukrainian seafarers and their families. Significant efforts are still focused on keeping them abreast of the most crucial industry developments concerning the Ukrainian seafarers and their employment onboard the foreign-flagged ships worldwide during COVID-19 crisis.

**Furthermore, all Ukrainian seafarers-MTWTU members, are entitled to apply for financial assistance from the Union, if they are unable to get employment onboard the ship for more than 6 months from the end of last contract, as well as if they are facing employment delays due to COVID-19 quarantine measures and travel restrictions.**

Your sincerely, Oleg Grygoriuk  
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## MTWTU HELPED OBTAIN COMPENSATION



The Luxembourg flagged Bourbon Rhode tug supply vessel (IMO 9356359) sank on September 26, 2019,

in the central Atlantic Ocean. The ship was hit by the devastating hurricane Lorenzo and only three out of 14 crew managed to survive. One of the survivors is the Ukrainian seafarer Yevgeniy Nikolov.

Fighting for his rights, Yevgeniy Nikolov appealed for help to the famous Ince&Co law company, however with no result – the employer was totally ignoring all the requests. So he turned for help to the Marine Transport Workers' Trade Union of Ukraine and its legal partner – Sergeyevs' Law Office. Through the joint efforts of the Union and its partner, the survivor of the Bourbon Rhode shipwreck received satisfactory compensation. Unfortunately, the amount of compensation cannot be disclosed.

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“I can say for sure: I turned to the right place. I am grateful for everything that has been done for me and my family and I will gladly share my experience with other seafarers,” Yevgeniy noted accepting the Union’s invitation to share his story with cadets of maritime schools and seafarers during the regular meetings with the MTWTU members.

## VACCINE. SECOND SHOT



On August 25, a group of seafarers and families received the second shot of vaccine. The vaccination was carried out by a mobile immunization brigade for those, who voluntarily intended to receive a dose. 55 people got immunized at the Maritime Union Center in Odessa, and 45 – at the International Seamen’s Club in Izmail.

## EDUCATING SEAFARERS

### First Time as a Third Officer. Musts to know



On August 30, the MTWTU, along with the EdMarine educational project, held a seminar for the Union-registered seafarers from Kherson.

There, they looked closer at the Third Officer’s position and the knowledge he or she should possess.

The agenda of the event included the following items:

- Top-20 questions asked at the interview.
- What to pay attention to immediately upon arrival on board.
- Things to do right away or later on.

### OOW on LPG/LNG Carriers. Getting Ready for the Interview



The MTWTU and EdMarine have also held a series of seminars for seafarers, intending to work on LPG/LNG ships.

On August 12 in Odessa, and on August 13 in Izmail, the trainings addressed the following issues:

- First time on LNG/LPG ship: what to pay attention to.
- Duties of a Watch Officer on a gas carrier.
- Switching from LPG to LNG.
- Successful Interview for LPG and LNG ships.



## FAMILY EVENTS

### Meeting With Psychologist



Seafarers' families discovered how to manage stress and enjoy living at the Union-arranged workshop with the psychologist Marina Volkova on August 5. There, the participants found out that mild stress is even beneficial, as it can strengthen the immune and cardiovascular systems and improve adaptation skills. And in general, stress stimulates the development of various human abilities.

“Society starts to pay due attention to mental health issues. And it certainly benefits both seafarers and their family members. After all, it is the seafarers and their families who are subject to significant stress, associated, for the most part, with the long voyages and dangerous working conditions,” Marina Volkova said.

### Bringing Joy to Kids



- On the eve of the Knowledge Day, the Trade Union invited children of seafarers-MTWTU members to plunge into the world of discoveries, experiments and mysteries, visiting the Museum of Interesting Science. Besides, all the children received memorable gifts to keep this day in memory.



- Together with their parents, the kids of the Union members enjoyed the premiere screening of the PAW Patrol animated comedy film.



- On August 14, adults and children spent an exciting day at the New-Vasyuki Ethno Park. The families of MTWTU-registered seafarers visited the contact zoo, plunged into the ancient world of household, visited a craft village, got acquainted with the art of a potter, blacksmith, glassblower and simply had a fun time among family and friends.