



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.

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On May 14, VIII Congress of the Marine Transport Workers' Trade Union of Ukraine was held in Odessa. 107 delegates from the MTWTU local trade union organizations were elected to the Congress, and the majority of them were seafarers.

Unfortunately, foreign colleagues and social partners were unable to attend the event due to COVID-imposed travel restrictions. Nevertheless, the MTWTU received lots of greetings.

The MTWTU Chairman Michael Kirieiev and his First Vice Oleg Grygoriuk summed up the Union's work over the years 2015-2020.

The Director of the Welfare Fund 'MORTRANS' Antonina Shkammerda also took the floor at the Congress and reported about the Fund's activities and support for the MTWTU members.

One more matter on the agenda was the election of the Trade Union Chairman – the Congress delegates unanimously elected Oleg Grygoriuk to this position.



MTWTU & EDMARINE. SEAFARERS EDUCATION

Coils Transportation

Within the framework of the MTWTU/EdMarine cooperation, a seminar in May was dedicated to the subject of coils' transportation.

The participants spoke about the requirements and standards for loading, stowage, transportation and ventilation of the coils. In particular, they discussed nuances of loading; what comments should be made and how to fill them out correctly in case of proceedings; international and local rules for stowage and lashing; records to keep during the transition.



Onboard Medicine

On May 27, the MTWTU and EdMarine jointly arranged a unique practical seminar devoted to the topic of Onboard Medicine for seafarers-members of the Trade Union. The event speaker was a medical officer, a surgeon with 15 years of experience Aleksandr Shcherbina.

In the first part of the seminar, the seafarers reviewed theoretical issues such as medicines and drug list: which medicines to use in different cases; how and when to use oxygen; how to diagnose dangerous conditions – heart attack, stroke, appendicitis and how not to worsen the situation; as well as discussed the algorithm of actions in case of hypothermia.



First Time as a 3rd Officer. Musts to know

The MTWTU, along with the EdMarine educational project, held a seminar for the Union-registered seafarers. There, they looked closer at the Third Officer's title and the knowledge he or she should possess.

The event addressed the following points: TOP-20 questions asked at the interview; what to pay attention to immediately upon arrival onboard; things to do right away or later on.

CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY

On the World Children's Day, the Union invited the children of the MTWTU members-seafarers to enjoy a real holiday. The children watched 'Peter Rabbit 2: The Runaway', received nice gifts and tasted delicious snacks. The MTWTU wishes all the children lots of vivid impressions and good health!

