



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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Vice President IFSMA,
Goodwill Maritime Ambassador IMO



MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM THE UNION!



Back in December 2020, the Santa Claus Residence opened its doors to the children of seafarers, MTWTU members.

Seafarers' families who were not able to see Santa before the New Year got a chance to visit the Residence before Christmas, where the Union continued delighting children with sweet gifts and souvenirs.

Nice New Year's photo zones excited not only children, but their parents who also enjoyed visiting a real fairy tale. But the main thing was that every kid received unforgettable emotions after communicating and interacting with Santa and magical elves.

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A positive feedback we received from the families of seafarers celebrate the Union's unique and safe way of organizing a real holiday for children and adults even in these tough times.



JOINT WEBINAR WITH EDUCATION MARINE



In 2021, the MTWTU continues cooperation with EdMarine educational project for seafarers.

The first meeting was held in January as a webinar, for objective reasons. There, the participants discussed

the requirements for ECDIS and electronic maps – the necessarily helpful knowledge with respect to the work with navigation equipment.

The course tips are based on recommendations of IMO, P&I clubs, Admiralty publications and operating experience.

Moreover, the webinar speaker also highlighted the most common deficiencies found during Port State Control inspections and ways to avoid them.

LEARNING ENGLISH WITH THE UNION



In January 2021, the Union invited seafarers to join English language enhancement program.

Good English is a must for seafarers. The good knowledge of English not only contributes to the fast career growth but helps facilitate team relationship onboard.

Apart from experienced seafarers, the Union made the program available to the cadets of the National University 'Odessa Maritime Academy', the MTWTU members.

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The curriculum involves the provision of access to text, audio and video materials, which enables seafarers to learn English using modern technologies in the most comfortable form and absolutely free of charge.



TRYING OUT NEW TECHNOLOGIES

The Union resumes practical trainings on virtual reality simulator, provided by the Optimum Maritime Solutions Company.

Advanced technologies have become closer than they seem. The MTWTU members could try them out



in virtual reality and develop their seafaring skills, without going to sea.

The OMS virtual reality simulator allows practicing the following operations on the ship: Proficiency in Survival Craft and Practical Examination of Fire Fighting Equipment (FFE).

VR trainings come in handy to every seafarer willing to improve his professional skills. They are also highly appreciated by cadets, who take an opportunity to get acquainted with the ship's equipment and the ship in general.

ONLINE DISCUSSION

In January, there was held a webinar Maritime Industry and Probable Solutions Related to Crew Change, hosted by the Global Maritime Community (GMC). The GMC's mission is to identify and address maritime industry issues, as well as to respond to any deficiencies detected.

The first GMC webinar was dedicated to crew change crisis caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. It was attended by marine influencers from all over the world, who shared their knowledge and experience and expressed various opinions on crew change issues in current realities.

