

# 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 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  
First Vice Chairman  
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## ITF AND MTWTU JOINTLY CONDUCTED THE SEMINARS FOR SEAFARERS

From May 31 to June 3 in Ukraine for the very first time there have been held the series of professional seminars for seafarers called the UNION WEEK 2016. The event organizers were the International Transport Workers' Federation (ITF) and the Marine Transport Workers' Trade Union of Ukraine (MTWTU). The seminars were attended by about 400 people, including seafarers, cadets and maritime industry employees.



To conduct the UNION WEEK, the ITF representatives arrived to Odessa: Steve Trowsdale (ITF Inspectorate Coordinator), John Wood (ITF FOC Campaign Advisor), Pascal Pouille (ITF Coordinator, France), Mohamed Arrachedi (ITF Inspector, Spain), Romano Peric (ITF Inspector, Croatia), Shwe Aung Tun (ITF Inspector, United States), Oleg Romanyuk (ITF Inspectorate Support).

The lectures have been as well held by Oleg Grygoriuk (First Vice Chairman, MTWTU), Nataliya Yefrimenko (ITF Inspector, Ukraine), and senior lecturers of Odessa National Medical University. The main topics of the discussion were the ITF FOC Campaign, issues concerning the ITF Flag of Convenience Campaign (FOC), Trade Union Values, Collective Agreements, as well as the Prevention of Viral Diseases.



## ITF MARITIME MEETINGS

The Marine Transport Workers' Trade Union of Ukraine has participated in the ITF Maritime meetings, including the meetings of: the Seafarers Section Committee, the Dockers Section Committee, Fair Practices Committee Steering Group and the ITF Cabotage task force.



There have been discussed various issues: the approval of the new collective bargaining agreements, proposals for the amendments to the framework IBF CBA, the status of the Faroe Islands flag, as well as Madeira's attainment of the FOC status.

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The future Maritime Round Table 2016 has been discussed as well together with the East Africa and West Africa Projects, the Turkish International Vessel Registry and Chevron and Alcoa campaigns. The reports of the Cabotage, Offshore and Cruise task forces have been heard, followed by the reports of the Seafarers Section Committee and the Dockers Section Committee. At the end, the Campaign aimed at cooperation with Maersk has been discussed.

#### **KYIV AGAIN DISCUSSED THE MLC, 2006 RATIFICATION**

There has been held a working meeting of the representatives of the Ministry of Infrastructure of Ukraine, the State Service of Ukraine for Transport Safety and the Marine Transport Workers' Trade Union of Ukraine. The parties once again discussed the Ukraine's ratification of the ILO Maritime Labor Convention (MLC, 2006). The Union at this meeting was represented by its Chairman Michael Kirieiev and his First Vice Oleg Grygoriuk.

Following the meeting, the MTWTU was entrusted to send to the Ministry of Infrastructure its proposals regarding the changes to the acts, required for the ratification and implementation of the ILO MLC 2006.

#### **NEW WORK SCHEDULE OF DIPLOMA AND PASSPORT SERVICE DEPARTMENT**

Ukraine has officially changed the work schedule of Diploma and Passport Departments of the Sea Port's Captains. The decision has been made to improve the quality of services provided as well as for applicants' convenience. According to the innovation, since June 1, 2016 the submission and issuance of diplomas will be carried out daily on the following schedule: submission of documents – from 9:00 to 12:00, issuance – from 14:00 to 16:00.



#### **ODESSA PERPETUATED THE MEMORY OF THE DECEASED SEAFARERS AND VESSELS**

The representatives of the Marine Transport Workers' Trade Union of Ukraine and the Welfare Fund of Maritime Transport "MORTTRANS" took part in the ceremony of unveiling a memorial plaque of the Monument to the Sunken Ships and Dead Sailors of the Black Sea Shipping Company, established in Shevchenko Park. This monument created by sculptor

Alexander Knyazik was opened in 1997 and during the recent years it has repeatedly been vandalized. Last time – in February 2014. In the same year the large-scale reconstruction has been carried out, and the metal elements of the monument, vandals hunted for, have been replaced with granite. The MTWTU and "MORTTRANS" took active participation in the restoration of the monument.



#### **SEAFARERS VISITED THE PEARL OF UKRAINIAN WINEMAKING**

The MTWTU invited the seafarers, registered with the Union, together with their families to tour the Wine Culture Center Shabo. Three groups of about one hundred and fifty people visited the Shabo objects of modern art, the only monument to a grapevine in Ukraine, Shabo Art Center, Dionysus's Fountain, a museum labyrinth and many other places of interest, including, of course, the "Shabo" tasting room.



#### **CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY IN IGROLAND**

The MTWTU congratulated the children of seafarers, registered with the Union, with the International Children's Day. The children received an opportunity to have fun in a family entertainment complex "Igroland", and the program the Union developed offered them numerous presents and surprises, participation in various entertaining competitions, and opportunity to take pictures with their favorite cartoon characters.

