

MARINE TRANSPORT WORKERS' TRADE UNION OF UKRAINE E-BULLETIN



DEAR ALL!

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
Chairman MTWTU
Vice President IFSMA,
Goodwill Maritime Ambassador



PARTNERSHIP IN PROGRESS

CONCLUDING THE MEMORANDUM OF COOPERATION

For young seafarers, the biggest challenge is first employment, therefore, one of the priority activities of the marine transport workers' trade union of Ukraine remains providing young seafarers with jobs.

Here, the MTWTU continues to expand cooperation with companies, employing seafarers, in training maritime specialists.

Thus, on December 7, the MTWTU entered into the Memoranda of Cooperation with Briese Crewing Ukraine and two units of the National University "Odessa Maritime Academy" – the Danube and Azov institutes.

The reached agreement concerns assistance in theoretical and practical training, as well as in the further employment of maritime specialists. All cadets-participants of the program should be registered with the MTWTU, which will represent and protect their labour, socio-economic rights and interests. The company is confident that the signing of a trilateral agreement on cooperation between Briese Crewing Ukraine, the Trade Union and the educational institution encourages cadets to make the right choice when planning their seagoing practice.



MEETING WITH MACN

In December, Vivek Menon, a representative of the Maritime Anti-Corruption Network (MACN), visited the MTWTU office.

The meeting was attended by the MTWTU Chairman Oleg Grygoriuk, representatives of companies mediating the seafarers' employment, lawyers, cadets of NU «OMA» and Ukrainian seafarers-Trade Union members.



Throughout the year, the Ukrainian Development Maritime Centre, at the request of the International Labour Organization, researched the factors influencing the prestige of the seafarer's profession, the problematic aspects and risks in the sphere of education, training and employment of seafarers. The survey found that 46% of seafarers may end their careers due to high levels of corruption.

Vivek Menon emphasized: "We are working to eliminate all forms of maritime corruption using accessible methods, including raising awareness of the problems we face."

MLC ROUND TABLE

At its initiative, the MTWTU hosted a round table to discuss how the Maritime Labour Convention, 2006 works in the world: how it protects seafarers' rights and interests of seafarers.

The discussion was attended by certified MLC trainers - MTWTU Chairman Oleg Grygoriuk, his advisor Sergii Kazantsev, ITF inspector in Ukraine Nataliya Yefrimenko, MTWTU advisor on legal issues Yuriy Sergeev; National Coordinator at ILO in Ukraine Sergiy Savchuk and, of course, the Ukrainian seafarers-MTWTU members.

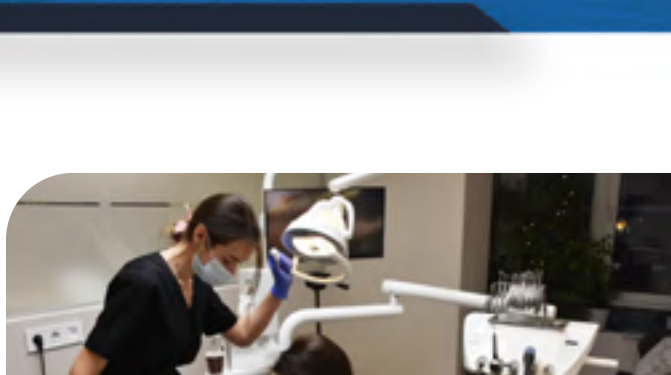


"MTWTU is the only official organization in Ukraine that has been lobbying for the ratification of the MLC, 2006, since the distant 2006, when it was adopted," said Oleg Grygoriuk. - Since that time, we have organized a number of seminars, round tables, international missions, which were aimed at educating officials in Ukraine and making them understand that the document proposed for ratification is a key element of accomplishing maritime business at a high level. The country's leadership was changing, and we were unable to complete the initiatives on ratifying the Convention. It is absolutely unacceptable to postpone the resolution of this issue any further."

SEAFARERS' WELFARE

UNION DENT IN ACTION

In October 2021 there was launched a unique joint project of the German trade union ver.di and the MTWTU called UNION DENT. The project is also carried out with the support of the 'MORTRANS' Welfare Fund. Now Ukrainian seafarers working on the ships of German shipowners (covered by ver.di agreements) are granted to high-quality dental services absolutely free of charge.



Already 14 seafarers have taken advantage of the unique UNION DENT project having done a dental examination followed by a sanitation of the oral cavity. The first project participants noted the high professionalism of the medical experts. Each case is addressed individually; it is possible to plan treatment according to a schedule convenient for the seafarer

SEAFARERS' SOCIAL LIFE

SAINT NICHOLAS DAY

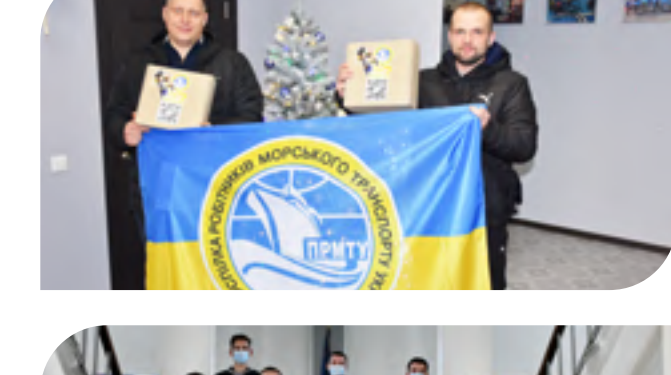
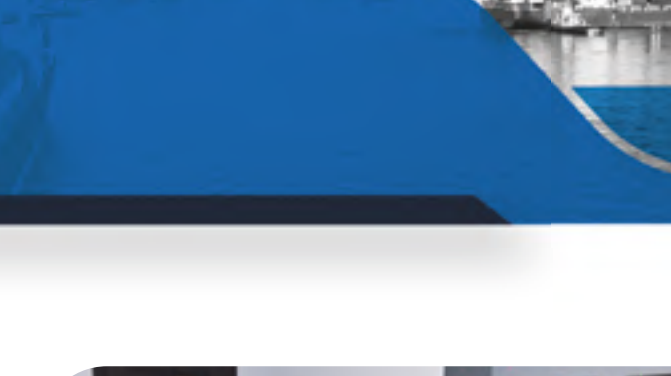
Saint Nicholas Day opens the period of new year's holidays and since the gift season starts with this holiday, everyone just loves it.

For many years, under the auspices of the IMO Goodwill Maritime Ambassador, Chairman of the Marine Transport Workers' Trade Union of Ukraine Oleg Grygoriuk, cadets and students of maritime educational institutions, members of the MTWTU, receive gifts for Saint Nicholas Day.

About 600 future seafarers from Odessa, Kherson, Izmail, Mariupol, even at this difficult time, were able to feel the holiday approaching.

Also, for the second year, the Marine Transport Workers' Trade Union of Ukraine pays special attention to this holiday and grants presents to its members throughout the country.

The seafarers from Odessa, regions and smallest localities receive gift sets with memorable souvenirs.

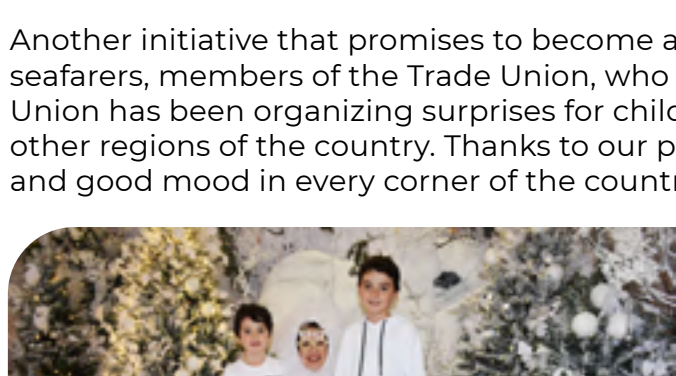


THE FAIRY FOREST

In the pre-New Year period, the hall of the Maritime Union, this year the Fairy Forest is spread here. The little guests were greeted by the magic Fjok, and in the depths of the forest on a magic sleigh, Ded Moroz with his granddaughter Snegurochka was already waiting for them.

All the children were given sweet gifts from the Trade Union, as well as invitations to performances at the Odessa Academic Ukrainian Music and Drama Theater named after V. Vasylko.

Another initiative that promises to become a tradition is to congratulate the children of seafarers, members of the Trade Union, who live in the regions. Since last season, the Trade Union has been organizing surprises for children in Izmail, Kherson, Mariupol, Nikolaev and other regions of the country. Thanks to our partners and friends, we can share the holiday and good mood in every corner of the country, as well as send parcels with gifts.



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