

MARINE TRANSPORT WORKERS' TRADE UNION OF UKRAINE E-BULLETIN



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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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UKRAINE CELEBRATED THE DAY OF SEA AND RIVER FLEET WORKERS



Traditionally, the first Sunday of July is the date when the whole Ukraine celebrates the Day of Sea and River Fleet Workers. The holiday was launched in 1993. The date of the holiday has repeatedly changed, but since 2015 we celebrate it as it is now.

This day was also significant with another professional holiday: the Day of the Navy of the Armed Forces of Ukraine was also celebrated on July 7. At the Passenger Complex of the Odessa Sea Port there were held festive celebrations, attended by the President of Ukraine, Commander-in-Chief of our country Volodymyr Zelensky. Among the invited guests of honor were the Chairman of the Marine Transport Workers' Trade

Union of Ukraine Michael Kirieiev and his First Vice Oleg Grygoriuk.

After the morning ceremonies, the Union gathered for solemn celebration the people who, in one way or another, connected their lives with the sea. Vasily Kyrylych, Deputy Director-General – Head of Department of Consular Support of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine also joined the congratulations. Recall that the MTWTU and the Ministry have established close cooperation in order to assist Ukrainian seafarers stranded abroad.

From the hands of Vasily Kyrylych, Micheal Kirieiev received a letter of thanks signed by the State Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine Andrey Zayats. As noted in the award, the Ministry appreciates the Union's efforts in coordinating measures aimed at protection of the rights and social-economic interests of Ukrainian seafarers.



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“Thanks to the high professionalism of your team, we are able to jointly fulfill an important mission – to serve Ukraine and Ukrainians, worthily protect the rights and interests of our citizens abroad,” the letter of thanks says.

The guests of the evening enjoyed a colorful festive program: performance of talented Ukrainian groups, dance and acrobatic shows, contests and many nice surprises.

LEARNING MARITIME ENGLISH WITH THE UNION



After a short break, the Marine Transport Worker’s Trade Union of Ukraine reopened the successive educational courses of the English language for seafarers – members of the MTWTU. After the entrance test, the seafarers were divided into groups – for studying the basic and “advanced” levels. At present, the groups are taught three times a week at the Maritime Union Center.

Recall that English language enhancement courses are held under the joint project of the MTWTU and the All Japan Seamen’s Union. It is completely free of charge for seafarers, members of MTWTU.



BEFORE AND AFTER THE PROMOTION



Following numerous requests of seafarers, unable to attend the first seminar “Before and After the Promotion”, on July 9 it took place again. We shall

recall that the seminar is part of the author's course of Yevgeny Bogachenko, Offshore Captain, head of the educational 'Key4Mate' project for seafarers. Yevgeny Bogachenko has been running his educational 'Key4Mate' project for about 10 years with the main goal – to share personal experience and give young professionals the opportunity to receive invaluable practical advice from an active seafarer.

At the training, the seafarers discussed the importance of building relationships in the crew and the ability to present oneself as a specialist, as well as about factors affecting promotion.

“This seminar is universal – it is interesting to specialists both of engine and deck departments. There is no separate subject in maritime educational establishments on how to behave building a career, how to properly position oneself, how to climb the career ladder and gain a foothold in the position. I try to convey to the seafarers information based on my own experience, backed up by authoritative sources, and most important of all – in a simple, understandable language, eliminating all unnecessary”, said Yevgeny.

The MTWTU plans to invite Yevgeny Bogachenko for more joint trainings in the future: “Thanks to such enthusiasts as Yevgeny, our Union is able to organize such useful seminars and trainings for seafarers,” noted the MTWTU First Vice Chairman Oleg Grygoriuk. “Our Maritime Union Center was created to unite seafarers, to give them new knowledge, to develop them as individuals and specialists. We have many plans ahead, and I hope that together we can bring them all to life.”

The topics touched upon at the seminar always cause an active discussion among seafarers, and the Union receives large feedback both from the event participants and from our online subscribers.

“We had video tutorials of Yevgeny Bogachenko on the bridge,” says the MTWTU member, seafarer Konstantin Pogoreltsev. “I recommend having these materials available on board every ship, as this information is very important and useful. The materials developed by Yevgeny are priceless.”

VIVID EMOTIONS AND A SEA OF DELIGHT



On hot summer days, what could be better than a family vacation in the water park. For many years in a row, the MTWTU has been inviting its members and their families to the Odessa Water Park.

This year, more than a thousand people plunged into the atmosphere of summer holiday: incredible slides, pools, animators and competitions for children, the sun and sincere kids' smiles.

The Union hopes that everyone will carry the bright emotions of this summer with them for the whole year.

