

MARINE TRANSPORT WORKERS' TRADE UNION OF UKRAINE E-BULLETIN

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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 on 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
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Goodwill Maritime Ambassador



SEAFARERS' WELFARE

NEW JOINT PROJECT

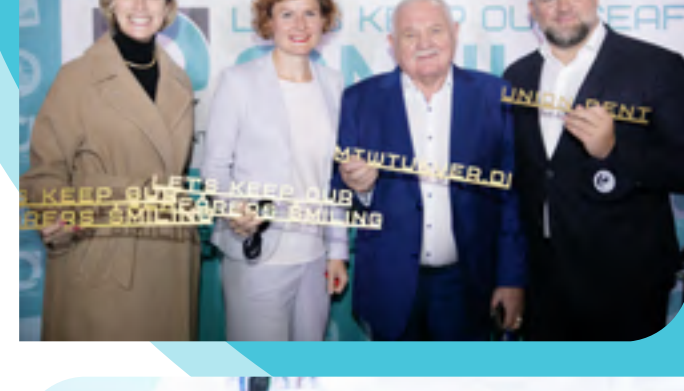
On October 18, in Odessa, the German trade union ver.di and the Marine Transport Workers' Trade Union of Ukraine inaugurated a joint 'UNION DENT' project.

Within its framework, Ukrainian seafarers working onboard the vessels of German shipowners, covered by the ver.di collective bargaining agreements, now have access to free dental services.

"More than twenty years of cooperation bind us with the German trade Union ver.di. Within the framework of the Memorandum of Understanding concluded between our trade unions, many social projects have been successfully implemented. This is why we invited our brothers from ver.di to bring the Union Dent project into life together. We are sure that this unique initiative will allow the Trade Union members, Ukrainian seafarers, to receive high-quality services. And once again we will prove that the MTWTU is a progressive trade union that opens up new opportunities for seafarers", — MTWTU Chairman Oleg Grygoriuk noted.

The project is also carried out with the support of the Welfare Fund of Maritime Transport 'MORTRANS'.

At the same time, the implementation of the project would have been impossible without a reliable and professional partner, represented by dental clinic «Orthognatika» under the leadership of Natalya Borchenko, the Candidate of Medical Sciences.



SEAFARERS' EDUCATION

FIRST TIME ON LNG/LPG CARRIERS

Together with the EdMarine project, the Union held a seminar on 'OOW on LPG/LNG Carrier & Interview Preparation' for MTWTU-registered seafarers. At the event, participants discussed the thermodynamic laws and its application in practice, reviewed the design of the tanks and studied documents regulating the operation of gas carriers.

"Today gas carrier fleet demands qualified experts. Shift to gas carriers is an excellent promotion in a seafaring career," says Viktor Chirkin, the speaker with more than forty years of working experience on gas carriers. "The distinctiveness of joint events with the MTWTU is that here we discuss real life situations, here we exchange experience and knowledge with each other."

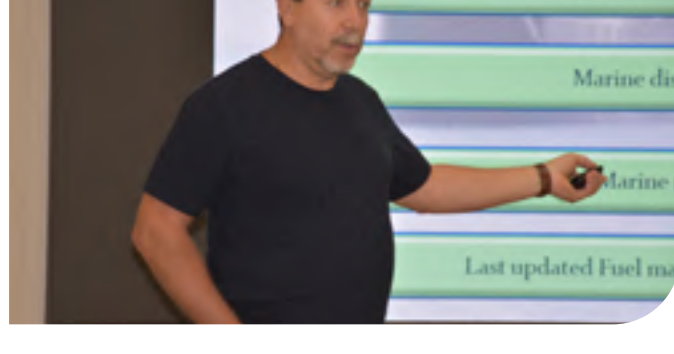


TRAINING FOR SEAFARERS OF IZMAIL

What professional skills and personal qualities characterize a sought-after ship engineer? The Trade Union members considered this issue at a seminar with Igor Tabulinskiy, an experienced ship engineer.

Organized jointly by the MTWTU and EdMarine project, this time the event took place in the city of Izmail.

"Everyone who keeps a finger on the pulse can see how rapidly the maritime fleet replenishes with modern technology, which young engineers will constantly have to deal with in the near future. The knowledge gained in educational institutions becomes more comprehensive if it intertwines with the practical advice of experienced colleagues. This is what we share at our meetings – a great amount of 'live' examples concerning the responsibilities of the 4th and 3rd engineers," says Igor Tabulinskiy.



WE AND PEOPLE AROUND US

What is the reason for an ineffective interaction between people and how to fix it? The families of the seafarers-MTWTU members discussed it at a meeting with the psychologist Marina Volkova.

"Any relationships are built through communication. People around us are playing a crucial role in our lives since childhood. But, unfortunately, not everyone succeeds to build positive relationships with others. Communication with relatives, friends and colleagues sometimes becomes completely unbearable. Is it because of us or the others? At the seminar, I hope that each participant received answers to these and other questions," said Marina Volkova.



SEAFARERS' SOCIAL LIFE

EARTH IN THE PORTHOLE

As they say, it is better to see something once than to hear about it a thousand times. The families of seafarers, registered with the MTWTU, got acquainted with space – on the Trade Union's invitation they visited the Space Exhibition, where attended over 40 various thematic zones.

They took a tour around the International Space Station, passed pre-flight tests as real astronauts, felt gravity on other planets, tested space simulators, piloted a Moon rover, observed Earth from a spacecraft and sent their voices to Mars, Jupiter and Venus. Another vivid impression was added to the collection of emotions from the Trade Union!



SEAFARERS' VACCINATION

On October 21, more than 44 people who expressed a desire for voluntary vaccination got a second dose of the Pfizer vaccine at the Maritim Dose Center with the support of the Trade Union.

Vaccination of seafarers and their families is carried out by a mobile immunization team.



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