

MARINE TRANSPORT WORKERS' TRADE UNION OF UKRAINE E-BULLETIN

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DEAR ALL!

Ruthless events have befallen our country, shattering the fate of its citizens. The unjustified war started by Russia inflicted a significant blow on all aspects of the nation's life, forcing many of our citizens to flee in search of a safe place and adapt to new realities.

Ukrainian seafarers also suffered significant damage, losing their jobs - due to the introduced martial law, they lost the opportunity to leave Ukraine and start working on foreignflagged ships.

Despite the constant threat of rocket attacks, power outages, and other infrastructure failures, the MTWTU team continues to work for the benefit of the Union members. We fight for the well-being of their families by providing them with financial assistance, humanitarian aid and legal support on various issues and organizing social events. Regularly, the leadership of the MTWTU takes part in conferences drawing attention to the need for providing seafarers with the right to leave the country during martial law and informing about the problems faced by our Trade Union members during these tough times.

We express huge gratitude to all those who support our organization and the people of Ukraine in word and deed. We will be glad to hear any feedback on our activities and are grateful for any help you are kindly willing to provide.

Your sincerely, Oleg Grygoriuk
Chairman MTWTU
Vice President IFSMA,
Goodwill Maritime Ambassador



SEAFARERS' SOCIAL LIFE

KIND HOLIDAY FOR OUR PEOPLE

On the occasion of Children's Day, the MTWTU, along with the Welfare Fund of the Maritime Transport "MORTRANS" organized a number of events to congratulate children of the members of MTWTU local trade union organizations.

On May 24, in Mykolaiv, children of the employees of the Mykolaiv Seaport Authority received candies, stationery and gift certificates.

The children of the seafarers of the Local Black Sea Trade Union Organization of Seafarers enjoyed a holiday with fun contests, sweet gifts, and soft toys.

The children of the employees of the Danube Institute of the NU "OMA" also received sweet gifts and a splash of bright emotions.



INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE SEAFARER

The MTWTU traditionally congratulated seafarers on their professional holiday on June 25. This holiday is celebrated

every year to recognize the important contribution of seafarers to international trade and the economy.

On this day, it was important for the Union to emphasize Ukrainian seafarers, who make up 8% of the global shipping workforce. Since the first days of the full-scale invasion, the MTWTU have been working constantly to ensure that



Ukrainian seafarers are able to travel outside the country to work on ships. The Union also continues to support the families of those seafarers who have lost their jobs by providing financial assistance, legal advice and holding charity events.



SEAFARERS' WELFARE

ASSISTANCE FOR MTWTU MEMBERS AFFECTED BY KAKHOVKA HPP EXPLOSION

The MTWTU provided humanitarian aid to Union members and their families affected by the flooding of the Kherson region due to the explosion of the Kakhovka hydroelectric power plant by the Russian Federation.

Most of the destroyed houses, washed away by water, are beyond repair, and the fate of

people's property is deplorable.

The MTWTU was actively involved in helping the victims and published in the media an appeal to all those who cared to provide all possible assistance to the families of the Trade Union members who found themselves in this terrible situation.

YOUTH-ORIENTED ACTIVITIES

KSMA CADETS ACQUAINTING VR SIMULATORS

The cadets of Kherson State Maritime Academy got acquainted with the ship's equipment and the vessel in general using a VR simulator. This opportunity was provided by the MTWTU at the Maritime Union Center.

The virtual reality program used here creates the effect of full presence on board the vessel and allows to independently carry out operations such as launching a lifeboat and raft, starting an emergency diesel generator, carrying



NU "OMA" OPEN DOORS DAY

As part of the Open Doors Day at the National University "Odesa Maritime Academy", the MTWTU joined the event to meet future cadets of the Academy and to highlight the purpose of the Trade Union's activities. The event included the opportunity to learn about each individual institute through communication with their directors, to ask questions to the

rector of the university and attend a tour of the educational buildings of the institution.

The MTWTU representatives had a great opportunity to see future maritime transport workers and encourage them to become members of the trade union movement.



KSMA OPEN DOORS DAY AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEW PROJECT

The Open Day of Kherson State Maritime Academy was organized at the Maritime Union Center of the MTWTU.

The applicants had the opportunity to get acquainted with the joint project of KSMA and Lithuanian Maritime Academy with the support of the MTWTU and ITF Seafarers' Trust, which aims to train cadets from the 2023 intake.

The project will provide 10 sponsored places for cadets who will enter KSMA in the 2023-2024 academic year. The project will cover the cost of the first year of study at both universities, as well as accommodation at the Academy's campus in Klaipeda.

Cadets will be selected to participate in the project if they meet the sponsors' criteria, including the average competitive score at admission to the university, level of English language proficiency, and additional skills and talents.



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