

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 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
First Vice Chairman MTWTU
Vice President IFSMA,
Goodwill Maritime Ambassador



SEAFARERS' EDUCATION

ETC FORUM - 2021

The VIII International Forum on Seafarers' Education, Training and Crewing (ETC-2021) was held in Odessa from August 31 to September 2. The Forum traditionally brings together partners interested in quality education, practical training and employment of seafarers, safe and efficient operation of sea-going vessels and provides excellent opportunities for discussing topical issues facing the maritime industry. The Marine Transport Workers' Trade Union of Ukraine is traditionally one of the official partners of the event.

The conference program, attended by Oleg Grygoriuk, included reports and panel discussions on the problems of global shipping and its staffing, modern technologies in the maritime fleet, standards of maritime education, practical training and crewing of seafarers during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Within the framework of the Forum, the guests took a tour around the National University "Odessa Maritime Academy". Oleg Grygoriuk, MTWTU Chairman and IMO Goodwill Maritime Ambassador also visited the Academy together with the foreign delegation.



CAREER BUILDING

The workshop 'Before and After Promotion Onboard' was part of the author's course of Yevgeniy Bogachenko, acting offshore fleet captain and founder of the KEY4MATE maritime educational project.

"Career-building is crucial for anyone who has connected their lives with the sea. The seminar is aimed to teach how to show oneself as a quality professional and demonstrate it to a person, directly affecting the promotion onboard. Knowing the basics of your profession, it is important to be a charismatic leader and have decision-making skills", said Yevgeniy Bogachenko.



Among the issues raised at the seminar were:

- factors affecting promotion;
- personal growth;
- how to demonstrate strengths;
- how to take hold of the new position.

LEARNING ENGLISH WITH MTWTU

The Union relaunched English enhancement program for seafarers. Good English is a must for seafarers, as strong knowledge of the language not only contributes to the fast career growth but helps facilitate team relationship onboard.

As part of the course, seafarers are provided with access to text, audio and video materials. Courses are scheduled at a convenient time and are absolutely free of charge.

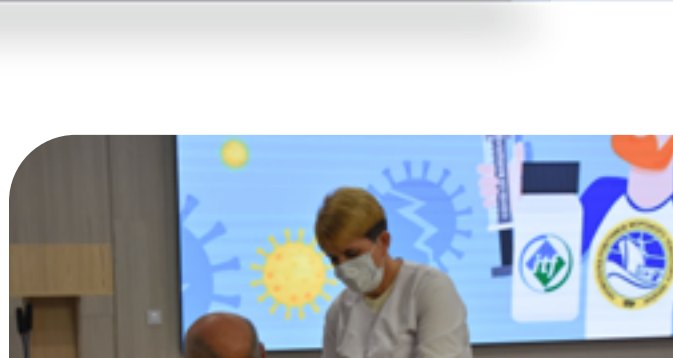


SEAFARERS' WELFARE

VACCINATION IN PROGRESS

According to the Ministry of Health of Ukraine, vaccination is the most effective way to overcome the COVID-19 pandemic. At the same time, vaccination is an important step towards solving many problems that seafarers and shipping companies have faced since the pandemic began.

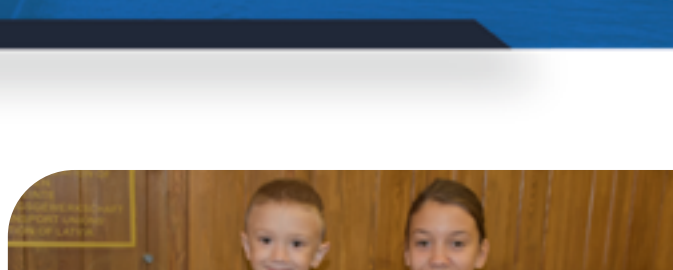
The Marine Transport Workers' Trade Union of Ukraine provides all possible organizational assistance to get its members and their families vaccinated against COVID. Thus, since the beginning of the campaign, about 250 seafarers have been vaccinated with the help of the Union in Odessa and Izmail.



SEAFARERS' SOCIAL LIFE

KNOWLEDGE DAY

On the occasion of the Knowledge Day, the Welfare Fund of Maritime Transport "MORTTRANS" held a charity event for the children of the MTWTU members. The event was held wide, in all regions of our country: 400 first-graders received a backpack full of various school supplies, and a thousand older children got nice stationery kits.

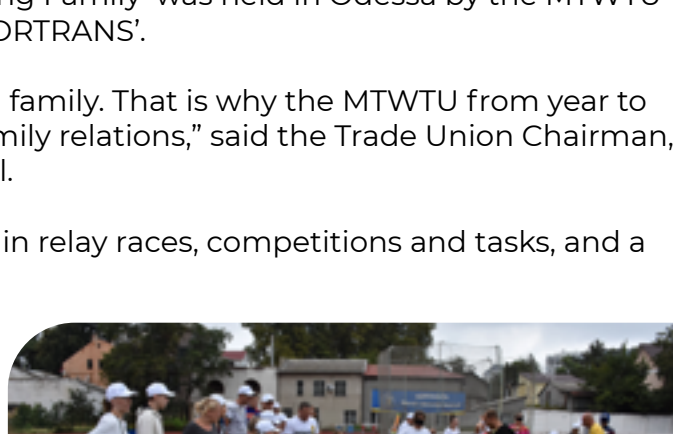
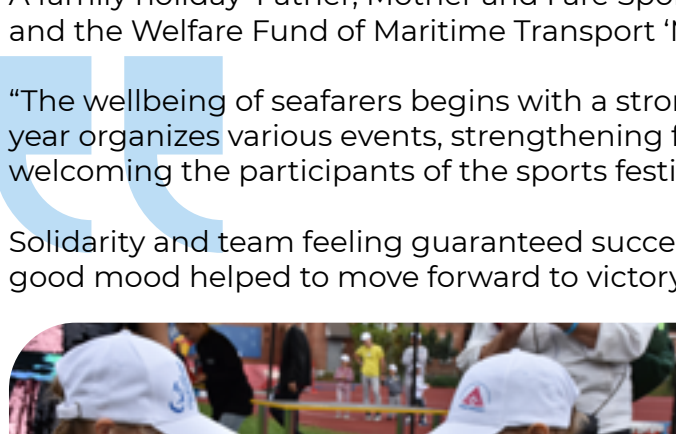


FATHER, MOTHER AND I ARE SPORTING FAMILY!

A family holiday 'Father, Mother and I are Sporting Family' was held in Odessa by the MTWTU and the Welfare Fund of Maritime Transport 'MORTTRANS'.

"The wellbeing of seafarers begins with a strong family. That is why the MTWTU from year to year organizes various events, strengthening family relations," said the Trade Union Chairman, welcoming the participants of the sports festival.

Solidarity and team feeling guaranteed success in relay races, competitions and tasks, and a good mood helped to move forward to victory!



PREMIERE SCREENINGS

At the invitation of the Trade Union, the families of seafarers-members of the MTWTU watched a superhero film based on Marvel Comics – 'Shang-Chi and the Legend of the Ten Rings'. The premiere screenings were held both in Odessa and Izmail, where the film premiere was attended by the families of seafarers and cadets from the Danube region.

Two more premieres took place in Odessa: 'PAW Patrol: The Movie' and 'No Time to Die', attended by about 600 people.



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