



MARINE TRANSPORT WORKERS' TRADE UNION OF UKRAINE E - BULLETIN

Dear All!

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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.

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MTWTU SUPPORTS SEAFARERS

SEAFARERS ARE KEY WORKERS

The COVID-19 pandemic has created an unprecedented crew change crisis. The crisis has resulted in hundreds of thousands of seafarers being constantly under the psychological pressure of uncertainty about the date and time of returning back home to their families, and others waiting to be back onboard.

Thus, the MTWTU developed a Draft Statement of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine on measures to support seafarers, which defines the special role of seafarers and marine personnel in ensuring the international transportation of goods, including medical equipment; defines the main crisis faced by Ukrainian seafarers: abandonment by shipowners, mental health issues, missing cases; emphasizes the need for coordinated measures to ensure safe rotation of ship's crews and much more.

PRIORITY VACCINATION

The MTWTU has developed a short practical guide for seafarers and shipping companies on vaccination against coronavirus (COVID-19), based on a recent publication by the International Chamber of Shipping (ISC). This guide contains reliable information on the different types of vaccines available today and their benefits and answers the most frequent vaccine-related questions.

Also, the Trade Union prepared a letter to the President of Ukraine, the Prime Minister of Ukraine, the Ministry of Health of Ukraine and the Ministry of Infrastructure of Ukraine urging to recognize seafarers as key workers and to allow them the priority vaccination on an equal basis with medical workers and other essential groups of workers.

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ENHANCING SKILLS WITH THE UNION

TIME MANAGEMENT AND PLANNING

The seminar for seafarers-MTWTU members, which took place at the Maritime Union Center, was dedicated to the issue of time management and planning. Maritime safety consultant, founder of the MarSkillUp Project for maritime industry workers, Captain Pavel Gusev shared his experience with the event participants.

The seminar was aimed at increasing the efficiency of work onboard without additional investment of time, effort and energy.

Only by developing soft skills we will bring the efficiency of the ship's crew to a new level. We already do not divide the crew to deck and engine, considering that we all are one team, the speaker noted.

At the seminar, Pavel Gusev raised the following issues: introduction to time management, planning and its stages, basics of S.M.A.R.T. structure, procrastination and its impact on work, dealing with distractions and delegation as a time management tool.



FESTIVE SPRING MOOD

On March 9, 2021, on the occasion of the International Women's Day, the MTWTU held two culinary master classes for the wives of the Union members-seafarers at the Maritime Union Center.

Roman Sardaryan, chef and showman, and Vitaliy Kiper, chef, brand-chef and judge of all-Ukrainian culinary competitions, shared the technology and nuances of cooking.



PORT STATE CONTROL: HOW TO AVOID DEFICIENCIES

On March 11, 2021, a seminar on Port State Control Inspection issues was held within the cooperation with the EdMarine educational project for seafarers. Viktor Surma, a Captain with 50 years of experience at sea, shared his knowledge with the seafarers, the Trade Union members.

At the event the participants discussed most common remarks of the PSC inspectors, which make 80% of the total number. Also the following issues were considered: PSC regional agreements and most frequent remarks at each region; which conventions and norms regulate the inspections; types of inspections and deficiencies.



SHIP CARGO CRANES

Later, on March 18, another EdMarine and MTWTU joint seminar dedicated to the topic of Ship Cargo Cranes took place. Various issues were addressed there, such as electrical schematic diagrams and their symbols, MacGregor crane control system, crane systems maintenance, control board emergency operation, maintenance of sensors and electrical equipment of cranes and much more.

