



# 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.**

Your sincerely, Oleg Grygoriuk  
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Goodwill Maritime Ambassador IMO



## GET VACCINATED

From the very beginning of the pandemic, the Marine Transport Workers' Trade Union of Ukraine has devoted considerable attention to protecting its members from coronavirus infection.

All the MTWTU members from the Danube region together with their families received the first shot of the American vaccine Moderna. Ukraine received the vaccine on June 18 as part of the global COVAX initiative.

The next day, 60 people got vaccinated in the Maritime Union Center in Odessa – seafarers and their family members ready for the Union-supported immunization.

The MTWTU Chairman Oleg Grygoriuk noted: “We are happy to support the desire of our Union members to get vaccinated against COVID-19. We believe that only through joint efforts we can defeat the coronavirus.”



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## FIRST VOYAGE

On July 28, the Marine Transport Workers' Trade Union of Ukraine hosted the cadets of the Kherson State Maritime Academy, selected by Unix Line company for work on ships under its management.

Having passed Marlins test and pre-employment medical examination in Odessa, the cadets came to the MTWTU office for their Union membership cards.

Recall that in 2018, the MTWTU, KSMA, and Libra Marine Agency signed a Memorandum of Cooperation on training of maritime experts. It reiterates the practical and theoretical training of the KSMA cadets, approved by the Union, with their further employment to Unix Line vessels, mediated by Libra. All the cadets, selected by the Academy for maritime practice, have to be members of the MTWTU, which is to exercise their labor and socio-economic rights' protection.



## EDUCATION IN FOCUS

### Experience Exchange in Odessa

Within the framework of a two-day seminar at the Maritime Union Center, the subject of ship stability was discussed. There, the project speaker, the acting seafarer Artur Sokolov shared his experience with the others.

The next day, the seminar participants discussed how to make draft survey calculations. In addition to theoretical knowledge, seafarers could practice calculating cargo amount onboard.



### MTWTU Reaches out to the Regions

The MTWTU together with the EdMarine project keep arranging training events for seafarers-members of the Trade Union in the regions of our country.

Thus, an information seminar was held in Kherson, where the topic of vessel stability was also discussed. And the next day in Mariupol, the Project Founder Dmitry Parkhomenko shared his experience with the seafarers on what a Third Officer should know.

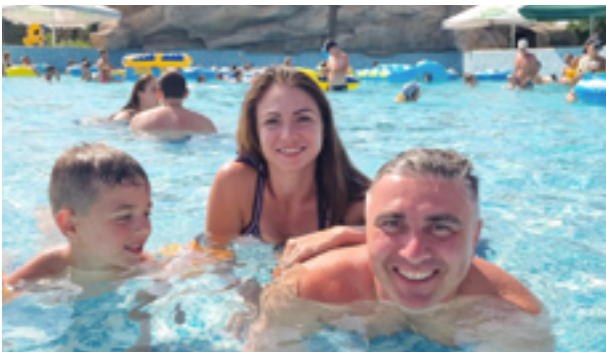


## SUMMER EVENTS 2021

### Sunny Days in Waterpark

Seafarers' families are always looking forward to invitations to the water park during the summer holidays.

For many years in a row, the Marine Transport Workers' Trade Union of Ukraine has been inviting its members and their families to enjoy an unforgettable vacation in the Odessa Waterpark. This year, the families were also invited to visit the waterpark in Zatoka.



### Sunrise in the Sea

The only thing better than watching dawn, is watching dawn by the sea; and in the sea is even better! For the second year, the seafarers' families happily meet the sunrise on kayaks together with the Union.



### Best Movie Premieres for Seafarers

Premiere movie screenings for the seafarers' families are already a long-standing tradition. About a thousand people were among the first viewers of anticipated premieres such as 'Black Widow', 'Jungle Cruise' and 'Suicide Squad'.



### Shabo Tour

Shabo Wine Culture Center is a notable point on the touristic map of Ukraine. Seafarers' families got acquainted with the culture of the national winemaking on the Union-arranged tour. Shabo combines 1200 hectares of vineyards, modern manufacture and pieces of history preserved in its museums. The center is recognized as the discovery of a decade in tourism, the cultural heritage of Europe and included in the European Wine Exploration Map.

