

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



YOUTH-ORIENTED ACTIVITIES

GRADUATION CEREMONY FOR FUTURE MARITIME PROFESSIONALS

On July 3, graduates of the Educational and Scientific Institute of Maritime Law and Management of the National University “Odesa Maritime Academy” received their bachelor’s diplomas at the Maritime Union Center.

MTWTU continuously supports its members in professional and personal development through leadership seminars, soft and hard skills training, and various international projects and campaigns organized by MTWTU Youth Council.



YOUTH COUNCILS MEET TO DISCUSS MARITIME CAREERS

Representatives of the Youth Councils of the Marine Transport Workers’ Trade Union of Ukraine (MTWTU) and the Trade Union of Railwaymen and Transport Construction Workers of Ukraine met with Oleg Grygoriuk, MTWTU Chairman, and Christer Norfall, the Coordinator of the Nordic Transport Workers’ Federation (NTF).



Oleg Grygoriuk and Christer Norfall shared their career success stories and discussed the challenges and opportunities in the maritime industry.

“Your future is in your hands. Don’t be afraid to set ambitious goals and work towards achieving them. A maritime career is not just a job; it’s a lifestyle that requires dedication and continuous self-improvement,” Oleg Grygoriuk addressed the youth.



Christer Norfall added: “The maritime industry offers unique professional and personal growth opportunities. It’s important to be ready for changes and not be afraid to step out of your comfort zone. Learn, develop, and be open to new knowledge and experiences”.

SEAFARERS’ EDUCATION

ITF SUMMER SCHOOL

The MTWTU Youth Council launched the ITF Summer School at the Maritime Union Center, offering a series of seminars for young seafarers.

Over several weeks, participants will gain essential career knowledge and skills, including understanding the MLC 2006 Convention, seafarer’s employment agreements, collective bargaining agreements, and other critical topics. ITF Inspector, Nataliya Yefrimenko, shares her 27 years of experience, providing practical advice and answering questions from young seafarers.



SEAFARERS' WELFARE

DAY OF THE SEAFARER: MTWTU AND SEKO PROVIDE ESSENTIAL SUPPORT

On the Day of the Seafarer, the Marine Transport Workers' Trade Union of Ukraine (MTWTU), supported by the fraternal trade union SEKO (Sweden), organized a large-scale event for its members. Seafarers and their families in Odesa and Izmail received food sets, and delivery was arranged for those in other regions of Ukraine.



“We are always with our seafarers, regardless of the circumstances. This day is another opportunity to express our gratitude for their hard work and dedication,” said Oleg Grygoriuk, MTWTU Chairman.

NORDIC TRANSPORT WORKERS' FEDERATION'S CONTINUED SUPPORT

International support from the Nordic Transport Workers' Federation (NTF) continues to inspire new achievements. Christer Norfall, NTF Coordinator, has actively supported Ukraine since the early days of the war, providing shelter for Ukrainian refugees and organizing fundraising to purchase vehicles for the Armed Forces of Ukraine. Volunteers from Sweden have delivered over 100 cars to the frontlines, enhancing the mobility and efficiency of Ukrainian defenders. During his visit to Ukraine, Christer personally handed over a vehicle to the Navy unit of the Armed Forces of Ukraine, emphasizing the importance of international cooperation in fighting for freedom and independence.



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