

# MARINE TRANSPORT WORKERS' TRADE UNION OF UKRAINE E-BULLETIN



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Dear seafarers!

Marine Transport Workers' Trade Union of Ukraine takes care of you and your families not only when you are ashore, but when you are at the sea. In order to keep you informed about our activities, we designed this monthly E-BULLETIN which guides you through all our achievements and events provided by our Union. Any suggestions and proposal are welcome. Stay connected!

Yours sincerely, Oleg Grygoriuk  
First Vice Chairman  
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## MTWTU HELPS TO STAY UPDATED



The MTWTU regularly conducts information and training seminars for seafarers, where the Union experts and invited speakers address timely and important maritime issues. Unfortunately, such seminars are more often held in Odessa, because the majority of seafarers, Union members, reside here. Despite the fact that the nearest marine cities, such as Kherson, Nikolaev and Izmail, are located not that far from Odessa, it is quite difficult for seafarers of these cities to allocate time to attend the seminar in Odessa during the inter-voyage period.

But their lively interest in the Union awareness-raising activities encourages the MTWTU to organize such seminars in other cities of

Ukraine. Recall that last year the MTWTU held a seminar for seafarers residing in the city of Kherson. And this year, the Union held a seminar for seafarers in the city of Izmail. The agenda of the seminar included such important issues as amendments to the Maritime Labour Convention (MLC, 2006), basic information about the ITF and its Inspectorate, as well as current topics of concern to every seafarer: pensions, taxation, medical issues, related to their work specifics, and much more.

Significant interest of the audience was caused by the presentation of the First Vice Chairman of the MTWTU Oleg Grygoriuk on the current state of the maritime industry and the work of the Union performs to increase the number of jobs for Ukrainian seafarers.



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## MTWTU SUPPORTED INDONESIAN DOCK WORKERS



In early August dock workers in Jakarta, Indonesia took action to fight the injustice at the Port of Tanjung Priok by multinational operators Hutchison and ICTSI. Dockers, the MTWTU members, eagerly responded to the call of the International Transport Workers Federation (ITF) to support their brothers in Jakarta. The strike in the port of Jakarta was launched with the goal of stopping the unfair practices of multinational operators – Hutchison and ICTSI companies in the seaport of Jakarta Tanjung Priok. In particular, ITF's largest Dockers Section affiliate in Indonesia, Serikat Pekerja Jakarta International Container Terminal (SPJICT) opposed ruthless cuts to workers' rights – in particular to pension rights and performance bonuses, which terminal management had been pursuing in the course of negotiations over a new collective bargaining agreement. Dockers at ICTSI's terminal at the port have also escalated their own fight for justice, taking action to resist harsh management practices. The workers' union FBTPI, held a mass demonstration at the port to demand that management end illegal outsourcing, pay unpaid overtime and settle a fair collective agreement with the union.

## BRIGHT SUMMER 2017 WITH THE UNION

For many years already, the MTWTU offers the registered seafarers and their families, to enjoy the unforgettable entertainment during the hottest time of the year, and the summer of 2017 was no exception. Thanks to the Union, during the three summer months seafarers' families visited the Odessa Aqua Park and the Kobsov Circus.

When the summer is in full swing, there is no better place than a water park. Seafarers and their beloved ones were delighted with the dizzying water slides, breathtaking attractions and swimming pools for children and adults.



Fans of extreme shows were happy to visit the Kobsov Circus, where the winners of Monte-Carlo International Circus Festival 2017 presented their terrific show registered in the Guinness Book of Records.

