

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
Chairman MTWTU
Vice President IFSMA,
Goodwill Maritime Ambassador



SEAFARERS' WELFARE

Let us recall that on January 22, 2020, the International Maritime Organization (IMO) appointed Oleg Grygoriuk as the IMO Goodwill Maritime Ambassador.

"My two-year term as the IMO Goodwill Ambassador is coming to its end, and I am proud of the deeds accomplished through this time.

Time flew by quickly. The COVID-19 pandemic has made significant adjustments to our plans, but such challenges give us new experiences and make us stronger. I believe that the best is yet to come.

Meanwhile, I suggest taking a look at the results of the two years-long work," Oleg Grygoriuk said.

FROM FEBRUARY 2020 TO SEPTEMBER 2021:

- **18 meetings were held with cadets of the National University 'Odessa Maritime Academy'. More than 720 cadets of the primary courses attended interactive lectures with the Maritime Ambassador;**
- **12 virtual reality trainings were instructed for young seafarers;**
- **more than 120 cadets studied English in the MTWTU-based Maritime Union Center;**
- **more than 40 movies were showed;**
- **8 times the participants gathered to meet the sunrise in kayaks;**
- **memorable summer holidays were spent in the waterpark and dolphinarium;**
- **more than 500 cadets received gifts from the Maritime Ambassador for St. Nicholas Day.**



LINK WITH INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS

ASP CREW MANAGEMENT

On November 5, representatives of ASP Crew Management held a meeting with seafarers working on ships under its management. The meeting was held at the maritime union center.

The company's management and the participants discussed the urgent problems associated, first of all, with the COVID-19 pandemic, which has been making its adjustments to the shipping operation, the whole world economy, and the usual lifetime for almost two years. During the meeting, the participants separately highlighted the safety-related issues, as the company's slogan is "We manage ships safely".

Thus, the MTWTU Chairman Oleg Grygoriuk addressed the seafarers and highlighted the newly launched Union Dent project. The project gives free access to dentists for Ukrainian seafarers working onboard the ships of German shipowners, covered by ver.di collective bargaining agreements. In addition,

Oleg Grygoriuk spoke about the Trade Union work and MTWTU provided social and medical support for seafarers.



'SUISSE-ATLANTIQUE' SHIPPING COMPANY

Later, representatives of the Swiss 'Suisse-Atlantique' shipping company visited the office of the Marine Transport Workers' Trade Union of Ukraine. Among the guests were Crew Manager David Martinez, and the company's representative in Ukraine, director of the Total ShipManagement crewing company Valeriy Makoed.

The company has been hiring Ukrainian seafarers for more than 30 years and has today about 130 officers and ratings onboard. The company values high professional qualities of Ukrainian seafarers, as well as their dedication to the company.

This time Mr. David Martinez visited the Union's office to meet with the MTWTU Chairman Oleg Grygoriuk to discuss the state of the market and the current situation in shipping.

In addition, the guests got acquainted with the capacities of the Maritime Union Center, where each Trade Union member has the opportunity to improve his or her professional and soft skills.



SEAFARERS' EDUCATION

Despite the quarantine restrictions, the Trade Union always finds a way to deliver fresh knowledge to its members. Thus, the Union relaunched the English enhancement program for seafarers online. Good English is a must for seafarers, as strong knowledge of the language not only contributes to fast career growth but helps facilitate team relationships onboard.

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



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