



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

Dear All!

APRIL 2021

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  
First Vice Chairman MTWTU  
Vice President IFSMA,  
Goodwill Maritime Ambassador IMO



## LBSTUS CONFERENCE



On April 27, 2021, during its Third Report-Back Election Conference, the Local Black Sea Trade Union Organization of Seafarers reported to its members of the work done over the last 5 years.

Thus, during the reporting period, the LBSTUS has managed to implement a number of projects aimed at enhancing the welfare of seafarers-MTWTU members. Among these projects are the establishment of the Maritime Union Center, launch of education and training programs for seafarers, implementation of the investment project with the leading maritime schools of Ukraine and the creation of the Information Center, supported by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine. The range of social

[www.mtwtu.org.ua](http://www.mtwtu.org.ua)  
[office@mtwtu.org.ua](mailto:office@mtwtu.org.ua)  
+380482429901  
[www.facebook.com/MTWTU](https://www.facebook.com/MTWTU)

programs available to the Trade Union members has also been significantly increased.

The LBSTUS has made notable progress in building new partnerships with foreign shipowners, which resulted in the number of new quality jobs for Ukrainian officers and ratings.

The seafarers-delegates of the Conference highly appreciated the work of the organization over the reporting period and unanimously elected Oleg Grygoriuk the LBSTUS Chairman for the next 5 years.



The Union representative updated its members of the latest maritime industry developments, recalled of their labour rights under the ITF CBA and the benefits available to the Union members. The seafarers also received the latest trade union publications and branded souvenirs from the MTWTU.



## UNION COMES ABOARD

Just before the quarantine measures were toughened, the MTWTU paid a visit to two vessels berthed in the Odessa port. The first one was the container ship CMA CGM LISA MARIE (IMO 9729099) flying the flag of Malta. The second ship was the bulk carrier ANDALUCIA (IMO 9667576) under the Liberian flag.

According to the existing agreements with the unions and owners of both ships, all Ukrainian seafarers working on board CMA CGM LISA MARIE and ANDALUCIA are the members of the MTWTU.



[www.mtwtu.org.ua](http://www.mtwtu.org.ua)  
[office@mtwtu.org.ua](mailto:office@mtwtu.org.ua)  
+380482429901  
[www.facebook.com/MTWTU](https://www.facebook.com/MTWTU)

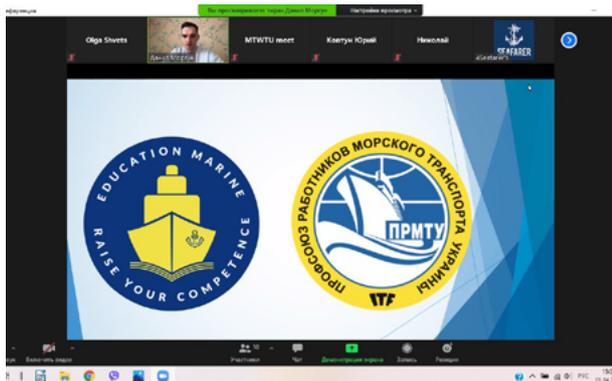
## PARTNERSHIP AND EXPERIENCE EXCHANGE

At the end of March, due to objective reasons, the seminars were transferred into the online format. The MTWTU and EdMarine held a webinar on 'Basic Information about Sensors', where the speaker was Danil Morgun, an active seafarer and the MTWTU member.

"Not every Engineer knows how to detect the breakdown and fix the sensor. If one correctly fixes the sensor error on the ship, it will be a good step towards promotion," Danil Morgun believes.

Later, the MTWTU, together with the educational project EdMarine, also held another online seminar for seafarers-members of the Trade Union on Dual Fuel Engines.

"The use of LNG is a rather modern and attractive trend," says the speaker, Alexander Temnikov. "It appeared due to last year's tightening of IMO regulations for sulfur oxides and nitrogen oxides emissions. IMO has become concerned about the environmental state in busy shipping areas and therefore began to take measures to limit sulfur content in marine fuel. The more optimal and decisive step was the introduction of LNG as the main source of fuel on modern ships."



At the meeting, the participants discussed the general principles and peculiarities faced by the crews of ships equipped with dual fuel engines.

## SEAFARERS' HEALTH ISSUES

April 7 is the date when we celebrate the World Health Day. The theme of 2021 is 'Building a fairer, healthier world'. The celebration is aimed to create awareness of a specific health theme to highlight a priority area of concern for the World Health Organization.

On this day, the MTWTU held online meeting for seafarers' families with doctors from the Odessa National Medical University and the Association of Family Medicine of the Odessa region. The topic of discussion was the excess weight problem.

Prof. Valentyna Velychko, Doctor of Medical Sciences said: "Today, during the COVID-19 pandemic, this matter is more relevant than ever as obesity and overweight aggravate the coronavirus disease, and, no secret, cause complications."

The experts discussed such issues as basics of eating behavior change, effect of obesity on cardiovascular system, explained how to check the state of your health and switch to a healthier diet.

