



MARINE TRANSPORT WORKER'S 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.

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SEAFARERS' DOCUMENTS VALIDITY EXTENDED

The Ministry of Infrastructure of Ukraine extended the identity documents and medical certificates of seafarers, who remain stranded onboard the ships, up to June 30, 2021.

On December 8, the Ministry of Infrastructure of Ukraine sent a letter to the International Maritime Organisation clarifying the measures adopted and enforced by Ukraine to extend the validity of qualification documents of those seafarers, who are currently onboard.

The development of the recommendations set out in the letter was carried out with the full support of the MTWTU. Thus, the Union provided the Ministry with expert assistance in bringing the recommendations into full compliance with the STCW convention.

The re-extension of seafarers' qualification documents is a demand of both international and national legislations. The Ukrainian Ministry noted that in case Covid-related diseases spread further, the re-extension issue will be urgently addressed.

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MTWTU AND EDMARINE: JOINT EDUCATIONAL SEMINARS

This year, a strong friendship and partnership relations have been developed between the MTWTU and the EdMarine educational project. Starting from September, training sessions on various topics were held at least twice a month at the MTWTU premises.

According to the participants of the MTWTU/EdMarine joint seminars, these events are one of a kind, as all speakers with seagoing experience “share the real working examples instead of dry theory”.

In December, the following interactive lectures have been carried out jointly by the MTWTU and EdMarine:

Grain Stability

This topic is highly relevant, as such countries as the USA, Australia, Canada and others require the grain stability calculation to be performed manually due to a great number of risks associated with the transportation of grain. During the seminar, the following matters have been revised:

- Which vessels can carry grain? Requirements for stability when transporting grain.
- Calculation of stability during grain transportation.
- The angle of heel due to the shift of grain.
- Residual area of SSD and how to calculate it.
- NCB Grain Stability.



Ship Stability

The practical learning of ship stability is aimed at improving safety at sea, since accidents arising from the loss of stability are considered to be the most severe in their consequences. Therefore, the agenda of the seminar included the following:

- Static stability diagram construction and calculation.
- IMO Stability requirements.
- How to calculate the Weather Criterion.
- In simple words, what is LCF.
- Damaged Stability.

Training on Ballast Water System

During the training, the participants learned about ballast water systems of different types of vessels, as well as the structure and principles of ballast pumps and valves; how to use the system professionally and how to avoid emergencies and what to do if something goes wrong. In addition, the provisions of the Convention on the Control and Management of Ships ballast water and Sediments were reviewed and discussed.

A workshop for ETOs

The speaker of the workshop was an Electrical Engineer with working experience on 8,500-9,500 TEU container ships, equipped with 6,600 volts electrical systems and electronic MAN ME engines.

The participants discussed safety rules when operating the electrical equipment, as well as how to troubleshoot the electrical circuit, as well as made a detailed analysis of the circuit diagrams.



WORLD AIDS DAY

The MTWTU and the ILO have long been working closely to raise the HIV awareness and to prevent stigma and discrimination in the workplace.

Within the ILO/MTWTU joint project, for the fourth year in a row they carry out training seminars and deliver lectures on HIV for seafarers.

During the meeting with seafarers held on World AIDS Day 2020, the HIV-related issues were again brought up to the discussion by the infectious disease doctor. The meeting participants were also able to ask their questions to the doctor. In addition, 15 seafarers underwent a voluntary HIV testing.



MEETING WITH THE NU «OMA» CADETS

MTWTU First Vice Chairman and IMO Goodwill Maritime Ambassador Oleg Grygoriuk met the cadets of the National University «Odessa Maritime Academy» to discuss the Union's most recent activities and its role in seafarers' lives.

Oleg Grygoriuk has also enlightened the future seafarers about the Marine Transport Workers' Trade Union of Ukraine efforts to create new workplaces for them and happily answered their questions. In addition, every cadet received a New Year gift from the Union.



#SeafarersDeliveringChristmas

As a part of the Seafarers Delivering Christmas 2020 Campaign, the MTWTU organized Santa's Residence for the kids of Ukrainian seafarers, where every guest received a sweet present from Santa Clause and could take pictures in beautiful Christmas decorations. The event was surely conducted in full compliance with sanitary and epidemiological norms.



Furthermore, in order to deliver Christmas to more homes, the MTWTU sent the presents out directly to the kids of seafarers. The Union as well as organized several meetings with its members-seafarers in Chornomorsk, Kherson, Mariupol, Nikolaev and Izmail, congratulating them with the upcoming holidays.

