

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
MTWTU

STAY INFORMED – UNION SEMINAR FOR SEAFARERS



The MTWTU provided a unique opportunity for seafarers to learn about the topical maritime issues. Union seminars are always an excellent occasion for seafarers to be a step ahead – to keep abreast of all the latest work related news and changes. Thus, on March 6, there was held a series of important and interesting workshops, with more than 50 seafarers participating. At the event, they learned about the outcomes of the negotiations of the International Bargaining Forum; about the financial

security requirements under the ILO Maritime Labour Convention, 2006; about ITF Inspectorate Statistics 2017 and innovations in legislation and mentoring on board. “The Union always keeps a watchful eye over the industry: at our meetings we strive to raise the issues that are most worrying and significant to our seafarers. To the same end, we continually conduct surveys among seafarers and their families, in order to meet the expectations of our members”, said Oleg Grygoriuk, MTWTU First Vice Chairman.

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MTWTU: SPREADING THE JOY OF SPRING

Traditionally, on the eve of the International Women's Day, the MTWTU organized a meeting with the wives of seafarers, registered with the Union. Oleg Grygoriuk, MTWTU First Vice Chairman, congratulated the women on the upcoming holiday:

“Despite the fact that the winter isn't giving up and there's still snow outside, I wish you a spring mood, sun in your souls, wish you to stay positive, healthy, and all the very best”.

Oleg Grygoriuk also spoke about the idea of the wives of seafarers to establish an initiative group named “Sea Stars”. It is planned that, supported by the MTWTU, the newly formed structure

will organize events for the families of seafarers, volunteer in charitable projects and assist the Union.

The MTWTU also invited the psychologist Maria Didenko to conduct training for the ladies called “What woman wants, God wants”.

All the participants of the festive meeting, in addition to a charge of positive emotions, received nice gifts from the Union.



MTWTU REVIVES TRADITIONS

Nowadays rather few people remember an integral part of the Black Sea Shipping Company named Women's Council (“Zhensovet”). It was an active group of seamen's wives engaged in the social life of the Shipping Company. Sophisticated “she-sailors” shared their life experience with the younger generation, spent leisure time, organized useful and interesting activities for seafarers and their families. But, unfortunately, along with declining of the formerly powerful BSSC, the Women's Council gradually outlived itself.

The Marine Transport Workers' Trade Union of Ukraine decided to remedy the situation.

“Daily communicating with seafarers, we also deal a lot with their wives, often encourage their



participation in training and information seminars. We strengthen families at our recreational activities and even help maritime families make friends with one another. It is very important for wives of seafarers to communicate and exchange contacts. We think it's come the time to revive a good tradition – to unite the active wives of seafarers,” said Oleg Grygoriuk, MTWTU First Vice Chairman.

WITH MTWTU YOU ARE ALWAYS ONE STEP AHEAD



Marine Transport Workers' Trade Union of Ukraine continues to surprise our seafarers, members of the Union and their families by inviting them to the one of the biggest film premiers.

Thus, our seafarers became the first among others who saw the American science fiction film - «Pacific Rim 2». One week later, our seafarers got a unique opportunity to watch the premier of the fantastic film of the legendary director Steven Spielberg - «The first player to be prepared.» The painting is based on Ernest Klein's best-selling book of the same name.

Seafarers were very glad and thanked the MTWTU for such great opportunity to spend time with their families, friends and colleagues. Every event organized by MTWTU is a memorable event which seafarer's families are looking forward to/eagerly awaited.

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