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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

THE MARITIME INFORMATION CENTER HAS STARTED ITS WORK IN ODESSA

28th of June, 2018, the presentation of Maritime Information Center of MTWTU with support of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs was held.

The event was attended by Vasyl Kirilych, Deputy Head of Consular Service Department of the MFA, Aleksandr Zub, Vice Director of Crisis Management Centre, the ITF representatives, First Vice-Chairman of MTWTU Oleg Grygoriuk, MORTRANS Welfare fund representatives, maritime lawyers, seafarers and their relatives, sewing agencies and educational institutions representatives, and cadets. Oleg Grygoriuk started his welcome speech: "Our Union is already 26 years old, and we are the only one maritime ITF affiliate in Ukraine, which has been fruitfully working all these years in the field of protection of rights and interests of Ukrainian

seafarers. To our great regret, despite all the efforts that we are making to ensure that our sailors are richer, more successful, working in the safest conditions, the number of unpleasant situations that Ukrainian seafarers fall into is increasing. The absolute majority of such cases concern Ukrainian seafarers who are non-members of the MTWTU, - Oleg noticed. - This is what prompted us together with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine to create the Maritime Information Center".

The main goal of this Center is to ensure coordination of activities between the MTWTU and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine in order to obtain timely and



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complete information about seafarers – Ukrainian citizens who found themselves in crisis situations abroad. Another equally important activity of the Center is to provide seafarers and their relatives with information about the vessel and its shipowner, advice on the rights of seafarers in various jurisdictions. Such information recievement is extremely important and can prevent the entry of Ukrainian seafarers into crisis situations abroad. “Our aim is not only to solve the current problems of Ukrainian seafarers, but also to teach them to avoid unpleasant situations. It is important for them not to depend on other external information sources, but to know that Maritime Information Center of MTWTU is able to provide them with complete, accurate and professional support, consultancy before going

onboard, while working and after getting home”, - Oleg Grygoriuk underlined. Vasyl Kirilych has highly estimated the MTWTU work. “Any activity might be carried out in different ways, but here, in Odessa, I saw that people put their souls into their work. All the planned events, including the presentation of the Maritime Information Center, were even better than could be expected. I have high hopes for this Center, and see the perspective for cooperation, and the MTWTU staff is experienced and qualified enough for it. I believe that together we will be able to do something huge and significant for Ukrainian seafarers, so, remember that you have reliable friends in the face of the MFA of Ukraine”. In the future, it is planned to open similar centers in Kherson and Mariupol.



*MTWTU and MFA invite seafarers and their families to contact the Center:
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Email: sos@mtwtu.org.ua.
The Center works 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
The Center services are completely free for seafarers and their relatives.*

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