



# 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.**

Your sincerely, Oleg Grygoriuk  
First Vice Chairman MTWTU  
Vice President IFSMA,  
Goodwill Maritime Ambassador IMO



## SEAFARERS' DOCUMENTS VALIDITY EXTENDED



We are glad to announce that the Ministry of Infrastructure of Ukraine addressed the letter to International Maritime Organisation clarifying the measures adopted and enforced by Ukraine regarding the validity of the qualification documents of the seafarers who are currently onboard. Thus, Certificates of competency, Certificates of proficiency, Seafarers' identity documents and Medical certificates of those seafarers who are staying onboard are now extended up to December 31st, 2020.

Please see the full text of the MFA  
of Ukraine letter to the IMO via the link

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## LEARNING ENGLISH WITH THE UNION

High-quality English knowledge allows the seafarer to pass successfully the Marlins and CES tests, as well as interviews with company representatives.

The MTWTU English language seminars' program takes place in the most convenient form - with the use of modern technologies, applying of text, audio and video materials, and is developed specifically for marine specialists.

Seminars are held 3 times a week and are available for seafarers with basic and advanced levels of knowledge. This project is available for MTWTU members and is absolutely free of charge for them.

## JOINT MTWTU&EDMARINE SEMINARS FOR SEAFARERS



This month there were two educational seminars for Ukrainian seafarers held by the MTWTU with support of the educational project for seafarers EdMarine. The main topic of the first seminar was the review of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (COLREG-72). The participants of the event discussed the main provisions of the document and also considered the most frequent causes of ships' collision on the examples of the real-life events. This topic was relevant not only for serving masters and chief officers, but also for cadets - the next generation of senior officers.

The second educational seminar held by the MTWTU and the EdMarine learning platform was for the engine crew and was aimed at increasing the level of professional knowledge in the operation of modern ship power plants. The participants have studied the basic concepts of engine control system and its subsystems, learned about modern requirements to limit emissions during operation of marine diesel engines, discussed the issues of fault detection of electronic-hydraulic system elements and many other matters.



## UNION INVITES TO THE MOVIES



The Marine Transport Workers' Trade Union of Ukraine continues premiere movie screenings for the families of seafarers registered in MTWTU. This time, the Union invited to see Christopher Nolan's sci-fi action movie Tenet: a film tells the story of a secret agent controlling time to prevent World War III.

## SUPPORTING SEAFARERS DURING THE PANDEMIC

ITF  
INSPECTOR ●

MTWTU  
WEBSITE ●

SOCIAL  
MEDIA ●

MARITIME  
INFORMATION  
CENTER ●

CHAT-BOT ●



**200** ▶ **2,164**  
DAYS CLAIMS AND  
CONSULTATIONS

More than 6700 seafarers, working on board the vessels, covered by the MTWTU CBAs, were repatriated

▶ **700**  ▶ REPATRIATED  
SEAFARERS WITH MTWTU  
ASSISTANCE



## SUPPORT FOR THOSE ON SHORE

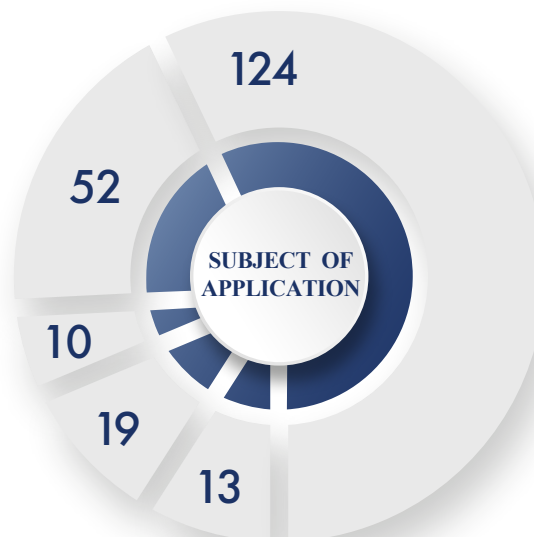
LONG VOYAGE DELAY ●

MEDICAL TREATMENT ●

FINANCIAL HARDSHIP ●

CHILDBIRTH ●

OTHER ●



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APPLICATIONS

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## 14 ONLINE MEETINGS WITH:

- ITF
- ITF SEAFARERS' TRUST
- ILO
- IMO
- IFSMA
- FRATERNAL  
ITF TRADE UNIONS

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ONLINE MEETINGS  
WITH SEAFARERS

## 14 ONLINE MEETINGS WITH:

- MEETING IN AN ONLINE/OFFLINE  
COMBINED FORMAT WITH CREWING  
AGENCIES', SHIPOWNERS AND  
EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS
- 2 MOVIE SCREENINGS
- 4 ENTERTAINING OPEN AIR EVENTS  
(COMPLYING WITH SOCIAL DISTANCE  
REQUIREMENTS)

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MEDIA INTERVIEWS

## OUR WORK IN SOCIAL MEDIA



**476,320**  
OUTREACH OF PUBLICATION

**313**  
PUBLICATIONS

**3,406**  
COMMENTS