

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

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## DEAR ALL!

Ruthless events have befallen our country, shattering the fate of its citizens. The unjustified war started by Russia inflicted a significant blow on all aspects of the nation's life, forcing many of our citizens to flee in search of a safe place and adapt to new realities.

Ukrainian seafarers also suffered significant damage, losing their jobs - due to the introduced martial law, they lost the opportunity to leave Ukraine and start working on foreign flagged ships.

Despite the constant threat of rocket attacks, power outages, and other infrastructure failures, the MTWTU team continues to work for the benefit of the Union members. We fight for the well-being of their families by providing them with financial assistance, humanitarian aid and legal support on various issues and organizing social events. Regularly, the leadership of the MTWTU takes part in conferences drawing attention to the need for providing seafarers with the right to leave the country during martial law and informing about the problems faced by our Trade Union members during these tough times.

We express huge gratitude to all those who support our organization and the people of Ukraine in word and deed. We will be glad to hear any feedback on our activities and are grateful for any help you are kindly willing to provide.

*Your sincerely, Oleg Grygoriuk  
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Vice President IFSMA,  
IMO Goodwill Ambassador*



# SEAFARERS' WELFARE

## FOOD SETS FOR KHERSON REGION

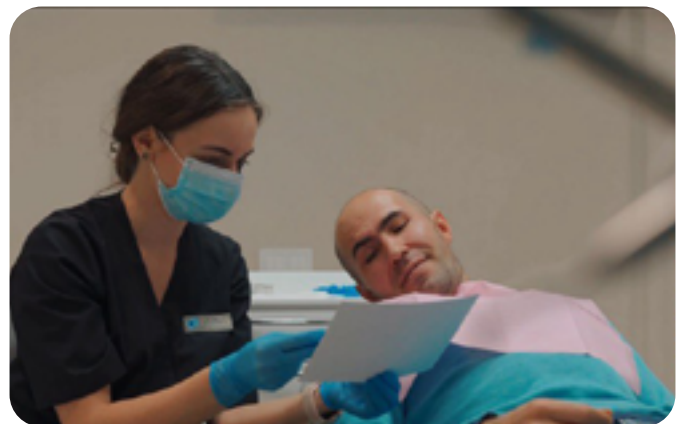
Kherson region continues to suffer from russian artillery attacks every day. Currently, people there require any kind of help. That is why the MTWTU, with the support of the UNION SOLIDARITY FUND, sent 100 food sets to the families of Kherson port workers by post.

By the decision of the Cabinet of Ministers, the operation of the Kherson port was suspended, and most MTWTU members who worked there in peacetime were left without income.



## UNION DENT - HEALTHY SMILE FOR LIFE!

The social project of the MTWTU and the German trade union ver. di is gaining popularity. More than 60 seafarers have already received free-of-charge dental treatment at the modern clinic. The UNION DENT project is primarily about quality. And the seafarers who have already been to the doctor can prove it!

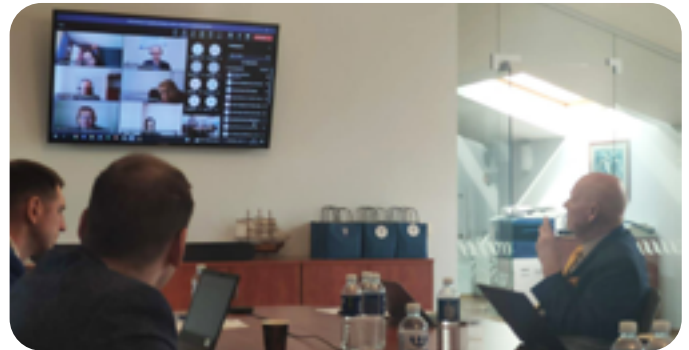
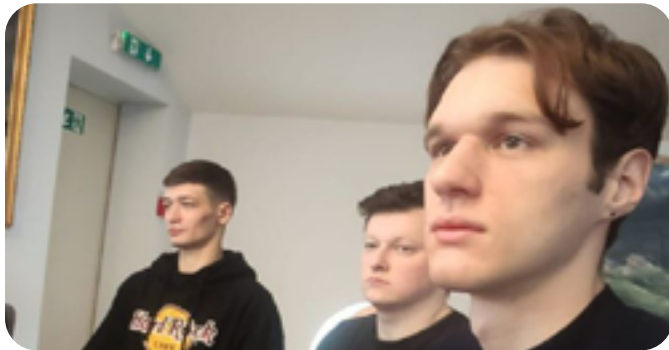


# YOUTH-ORIENTED ACTIVITIES

## CONFERENCE FOR FUTURE OF MARITIME INDUSTRY

The Lithuanian Maritime Academy hosted the workshop for supporting maritime students of Ukraine, which was attended by various maritime organizations from Finland, Sweden, Lithuania, Latvia, and Ukraine. The main purpose of the event was to discuss and coordinate actions on supporting Ukrainian maritime students in completing their studies and training with the assistance of EU member states of the Baltic Sea and their maritime schools.

Let us recall that as part of the joint ITF Seafarers' Trust-MTWTU-LMA Project, 50 cadets of the Kherson State Maritime Academy obtained an opportunity to study in Klaipeda. The students will receive both Ukrainian and Lithuanian diplomas.



## WEEKLY MEETINGS WITH YOUNG SEAFARERS

Every Wednesday, NU "OMA" cadets visit the MTWTU office. Young people learn more about trade union activities, and Trade Union representatives acquaint future seafarers and their needs. The more often we meet young specialists, the more we realize that our country's future is in good hands.



# SEAFARERS' SOCIAL LIFE

## INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

On International Women's Day, the Marine Transport Workers' Trade Union of Ukraine traditionally organized an event for women who have dedicated their lives to the sea.

Every year, despite the external circumstances, the MTWTU tries to give women a festive mood and a smile for the whole day. This year, we have prepared a "Surprise Box" for them.

In addition, the MTWTU organized a seminar for women working at sea and seafarers' wives. A leading psychologist shared advice on how to adapt to changes and preserve inner resources.



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