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Oleksiy Sereda won the gold medal at the 2019 European Championships and surpassed the record of British athlete Tom Daley, becoming the youngest European champion

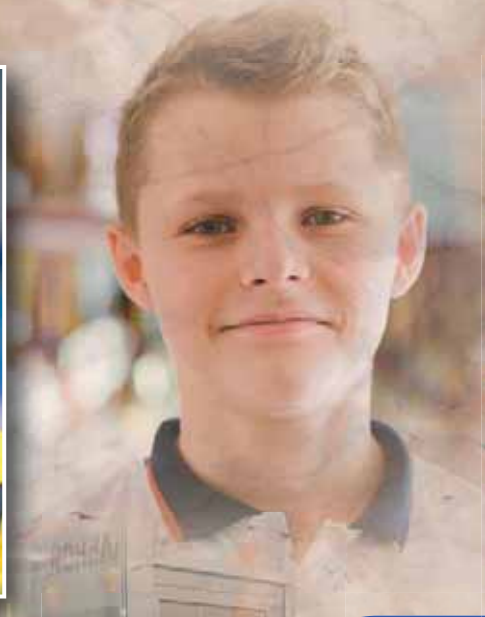
Our Hopes

One of the main tendencies of the modern athletic excellence is a growing popularity of athletic competitions among youth. The divers take part in the Youth Olympic Games, World and Continental Junior Championships, World Cups, International Tournaments and other competitions.

The achievements of young athletes are a powerful stimulus for the promotion of diving and inspiring hope for future success at the Games of the Olympiad and World Championships. Among the best divers, members of the youth team of Ukraine, with whom experts associate the future success of the country in the international arena, are the names of Oleksiy Sereda, Oleg Serbin, Sofia Lyskun, Kyrylo Bolyukh, Kyrylo Azarov, Danylo Avanesov, Valeriy Kozhushko, Kateryna Mostovenko, Karina Glyzhyna, Kseniya Bochek.

Oleksiy Sereda (born on December 25, 2005 in Mykolaiv) became a member of the national team in 2019. In the same year, at the World Championships in Gwangju, Korea, he came the 4th in the synchronised platform along with Oleg Serbin. In the individual





Synchronised platform is performed by Oleksiy Sereda and Oleg Serbin. European Championships, 2019



platform, he also showed the 4th result and won an Olympic licence to Tokyo. Sereda was the winner of the 2019 European Championships, which took place in Kyiv, becoming the youngest European champion in the platform. Also, in a pair with Oleg Serbin, he became the silver medallist in the synchronised platform.

Oleg Serbin (born on August 11, 2001 in Zaporizhia) showed the 6th result in addition to the listed achievements in doubles, at the 2019 European Championships in individual platform.

Sofia Lyskun (born on February 7, 2002 in Luhans'k) is a Master of Sports of Ukraine of International Class, the champion of Ukraine, Europe and the winner of the European Junior Championships (2017), the runner-up and bronze medallist of the III Youth Olympic Games (2018). European Champion (2018) in mixed doubles team competitions in the 3-metre springboard and the 10-metre platform, European Champion (2019) in platform, the bronze medallist of the European Championships (2019) in the synchronised platform.



Oleksiy Sereda - the 2019 European champion, the silver medallist in the synchronised platform



Oleksiy Sereda and the Head Coach of the Ukrainian National diving team Tamara Tokmachova





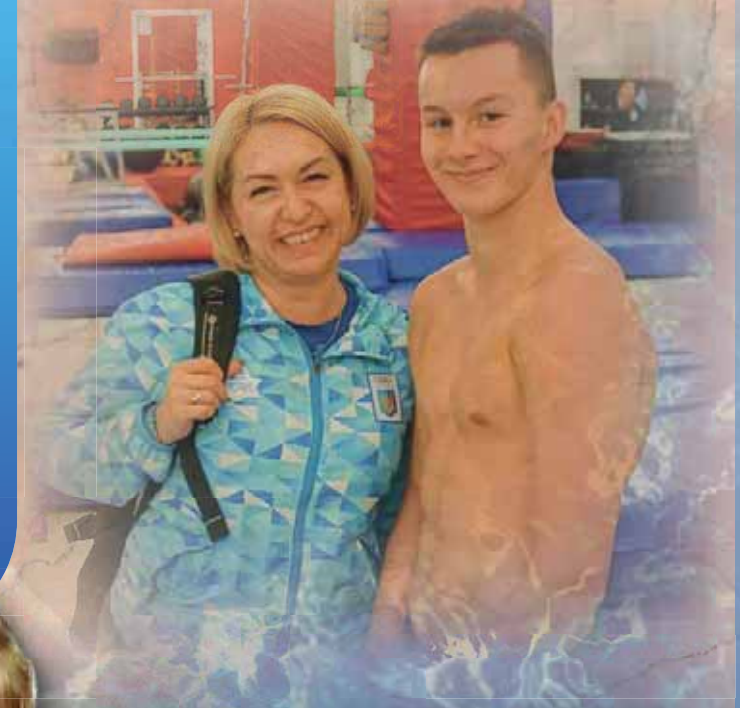
Oleg Serbin - Master of Sports of Ukraine of International Class

Kyrylo Bolyukh (born on March 12, 2007 in Kyiv) is a member of the Youth National team of Ukraine, the bronze medallist of the Ukrainian Junior Championships (2019), a four-time winner of the International Diving Tournament “Pepsi Diving Cup” (Spain, 2020).

Kyrylo Azarov (born on December 14, 2007 in Kyiv) is a member of the Youth National team of Ukraine. In 2019, he came the 4th at the Ukrainian Junior Championships, multiple champion and prize-winner of the all-Ukrainian and international competitions.

Danylo Avanesov (born on January 24, 2006 in Kyiv) is a member of the Youth National team of Ukraine, the 2019 silver medallist of the Ukrainian Junior Championships, multiple champion and prize-winner of the all-Ukrainian and international competitions.

Valeriya Kozhushko (born on May 4, 2007 in Kyiv) is a member of the Youth National team of Ukraine, the 2019



Sofia Lyskun - Master of Sports of Ukraine of International Class



Kyrylo Bolyukh



silver medallist of the Ukrainian Junior Championships, multiple champion and winner of the national and international competitions.

Kateryna Mostovenko (born on October 23, 2008 in Kyiv) is a member of the Youth National team of Ukraine, the 2019 Ukrainian Junior Championships winner, multiple champion and winner of the national and international competitions.

Karina Glyzhyna (born on April 28, 2009 in Kyiv) is a member of the Youth National team of Ukraine, the 2019 bronze medallist of the Ukrainian Junior Championships, multiple champion and winner of the national and international competitions.

Kseniya Bochek (born on March 24, 2009 in Kyiv) is a member of the Youth National team of Ukraine, the 2019 silver medallist of the Ukrainian Junior Championships, multiple champion and winner of the national and international competitions.



Danylo Avanesov

Kseniya Bailo



Danylo Konovalov – Master of Sports of Ukraine

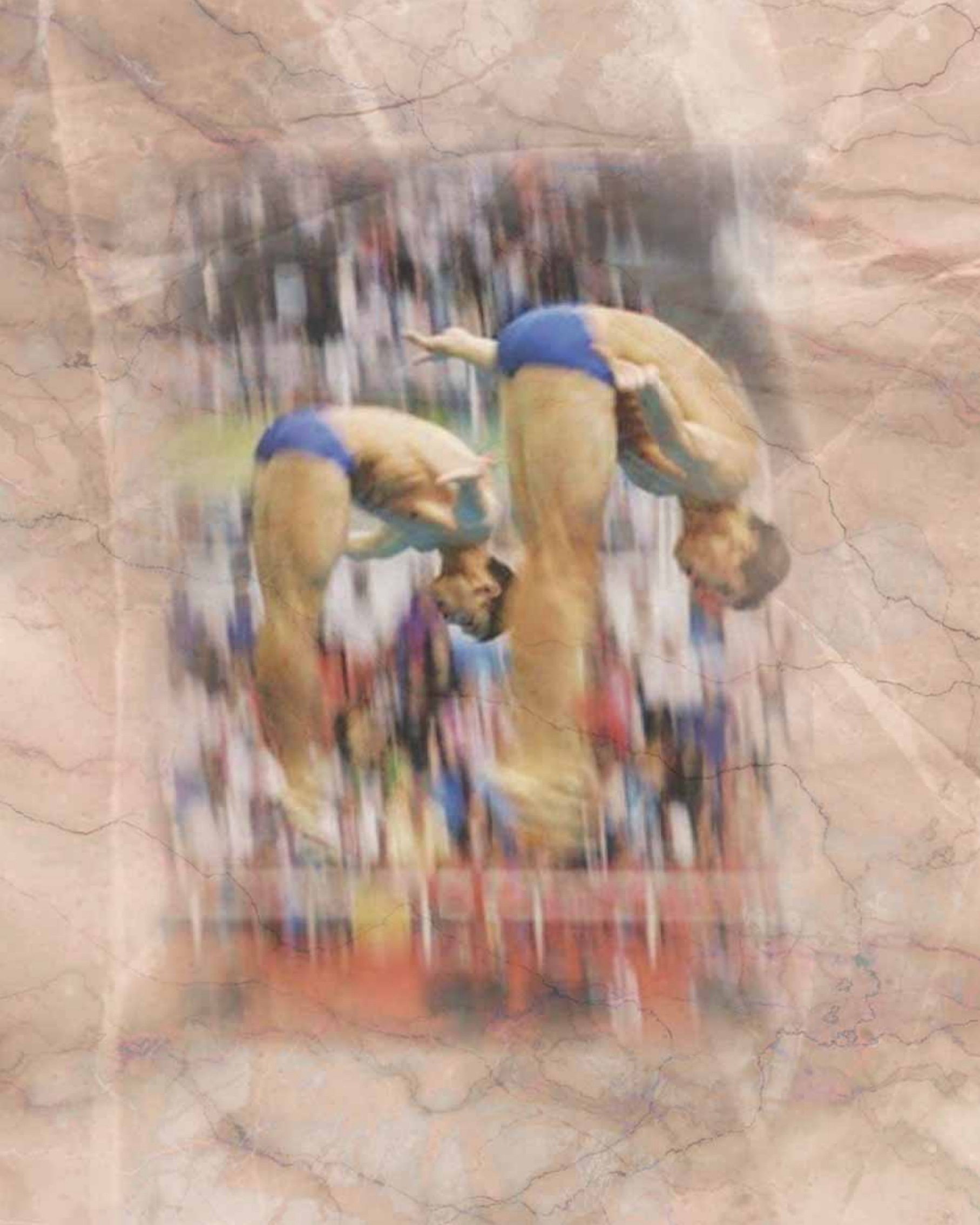


Valeriya Kozhushko



Kateryna Mostovenko







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The best Ukrainian divers at the Dnipro aquatic station: Felix Samsonov, Grygoriy Manchesko, Oleksandr Oreshkin. 1960s



Trukhaniv island. Kyiv. 1958

Trukhaniv Island. Kyiv. 1958. The team of the city beach at the diving competition in the Kyiv Palace of Physical Culture. 1960s



Kyiv

Diving has long been popular in Kyiv. In the last quarter of the XIX century, it was mainly practiced on the Dnipro River and Matviyivska Bay (earlier names "Zaton Staryk" or "Staryk") located at the end of Trukhaniv Island with numerous aquatic centres and city beaches, equipped with diving platforms.

Kyiv Diving School raised a constellation of athletes, multiple champions of the Republic and the USSR, including Isaac Barkan, Ninel Krutova, Yevgeniya Bogdanovska, Georgiy Bilyi, Gennadiy Bezzabotnov, Yevgen Kholoptsev, Mark Polyakov. The founder of this school was Mykola Glushko.

Yevgen Kholoptsev worked at the aquatic stations of the Dnipro River, later becoming the Merited Coach of the USSR. His apprentices - Oleksandra Nekrasova, Anatoliy Kostytsky, Leonid Fedorenko, Leonid Golub, Felix Samsonov, Lyudmyla Ivanova, Zynayida Vasylyuk, and many others - became the stars of Ukrainian diving, champions of the Republic and the USSR.

In the 1960s, Felix Samsonov, Mark Polyakov, Leonid Shylo, who moved from Lviv to Kyiv, as well as Viktor Khakhanov, Leonid Fedorenko, and others began their coaching careers.



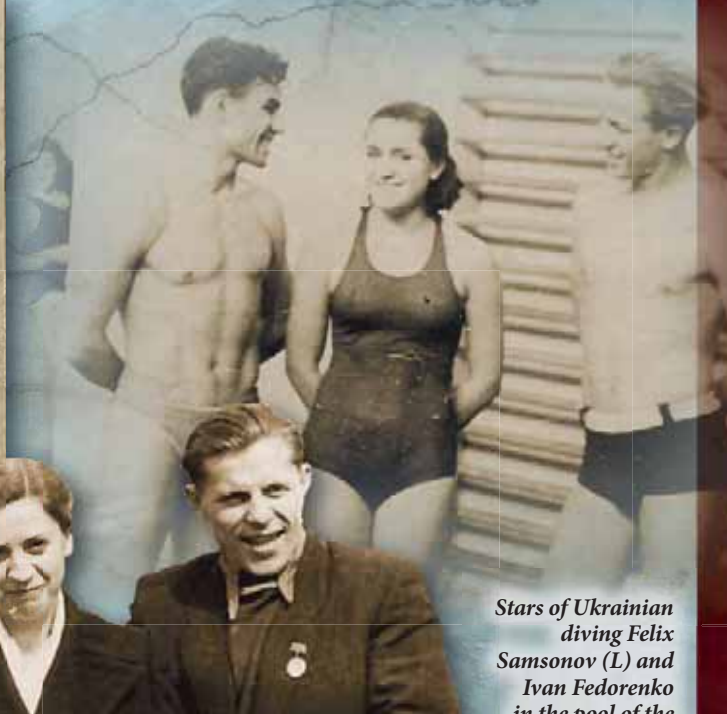
Ninel Krutova (R) - Merited Master of Sports of the USSR, the bronze medallist of the 1960 Games of the XVII Olympiad in 10-metre platform diving



Young pioneers of Kyiv congratulate the participants of individual and team competitions for the USSR Championships in swimming and diving. Kyiv



На квітській водній «Динамо», Стрибли у метрової вис. Фото М.



Stars of Ukrainian diving Felix Samsonov (L) and Ivan Fedorenko in the pool of the Palace of Physical Culture, Kyiv. 1950



Viktor Khakhanov with his wife. Kyiv. 1954



Oleksandra Nekrasova – a multiple champion of the USSR



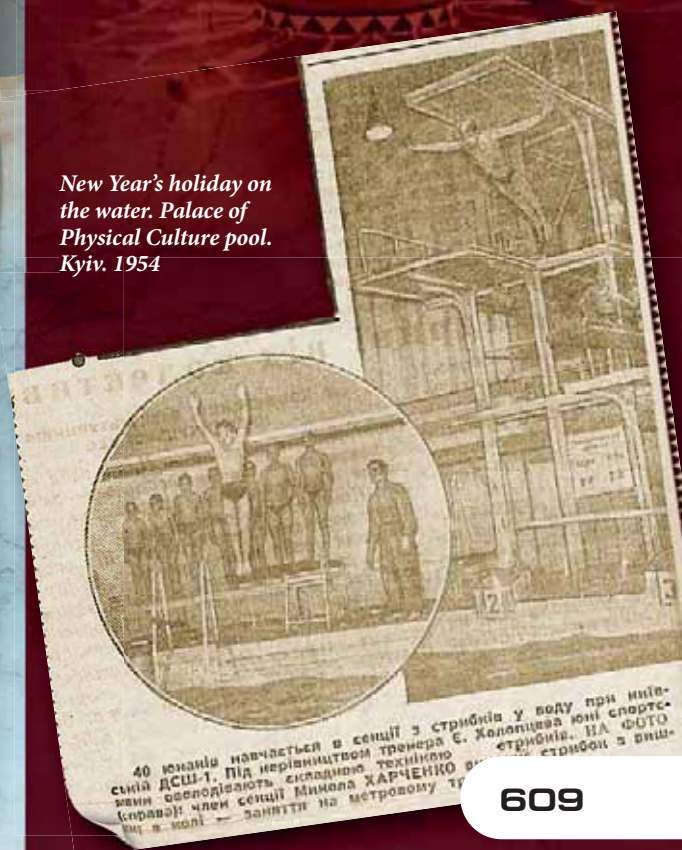
Felix Samsonov at the aquatic centre on Trukhaniv Island. 1946



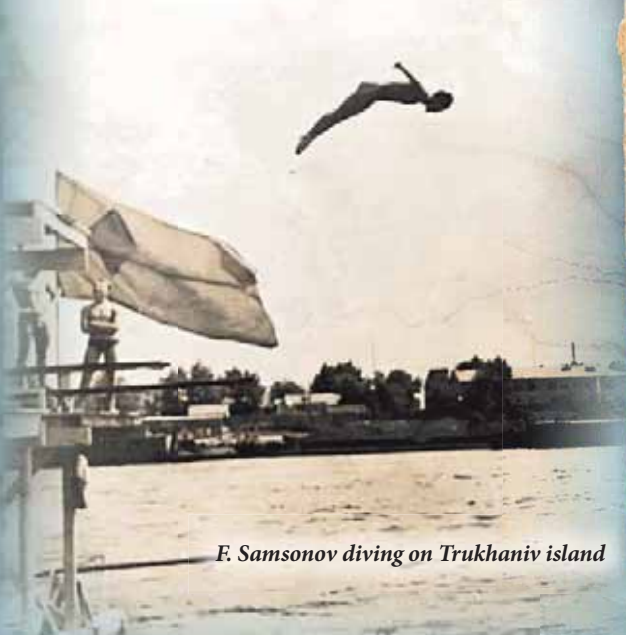
Anatoliy Kostrytsky, Leonid Fedorenko in their school years. Kyiv. 1952



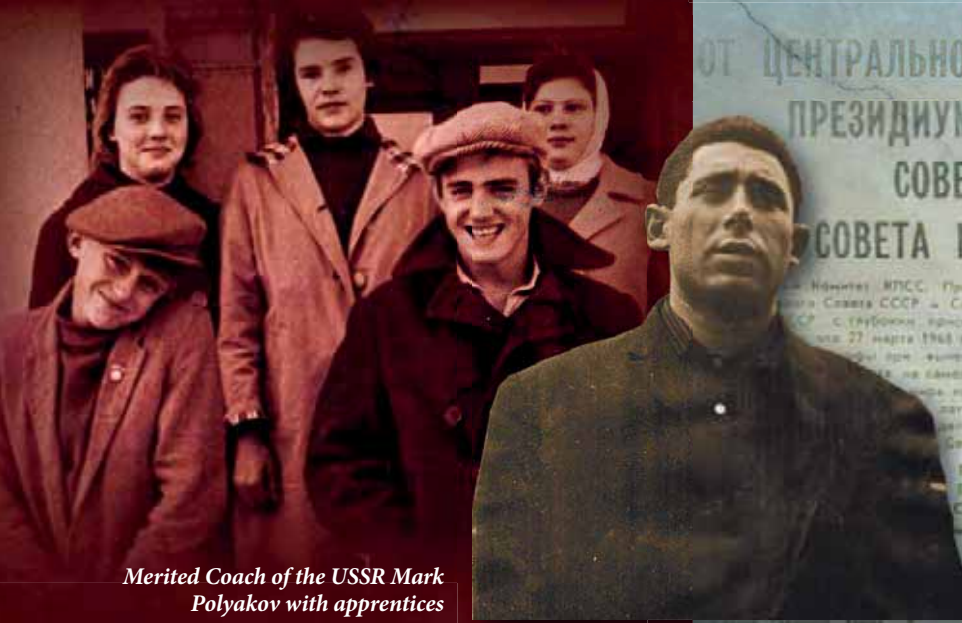
New Year's holiday on the water. Palace of Physical Culture pool. Kyiv. 1954



40 юнаків навчається в секції з стрибків у воду при інституті ДСШ-1. Під керівництвом тренера С. Холоніза юні спортсмени оволодівають складною технікою стрибків. НА ФІЛО-Кірової! член секції Микола ХАРЧЕНКО стрибки з виш-ми в колі — заняті на метрополіту



F. Samsonov diving on Trukhaniv island



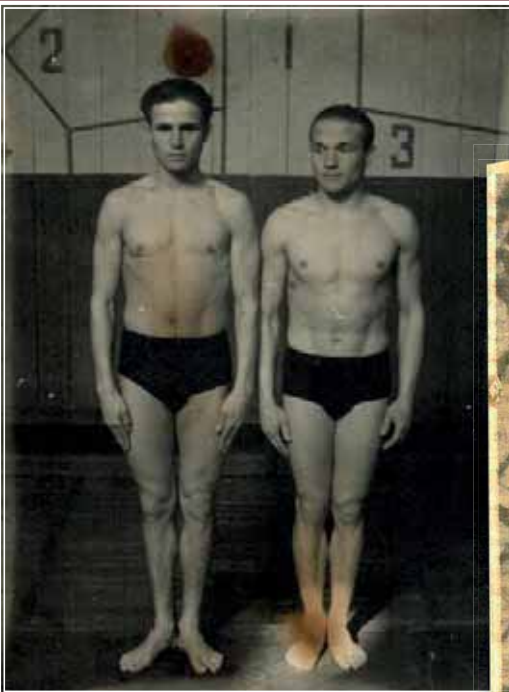
Merited Coach of the USSR Mark Polyakov with apprentices



Master of Sports of the USSR Tetiana Stroganova prepares for performances at the V Spartakiad of Kyiv



Diving platform at the "Dynamo" pool. Kyiv. 1964



Felix Samsonov (L) and Oleksandr Oreshkin. Palace of Physical Culture pool. Kyiv. 1960



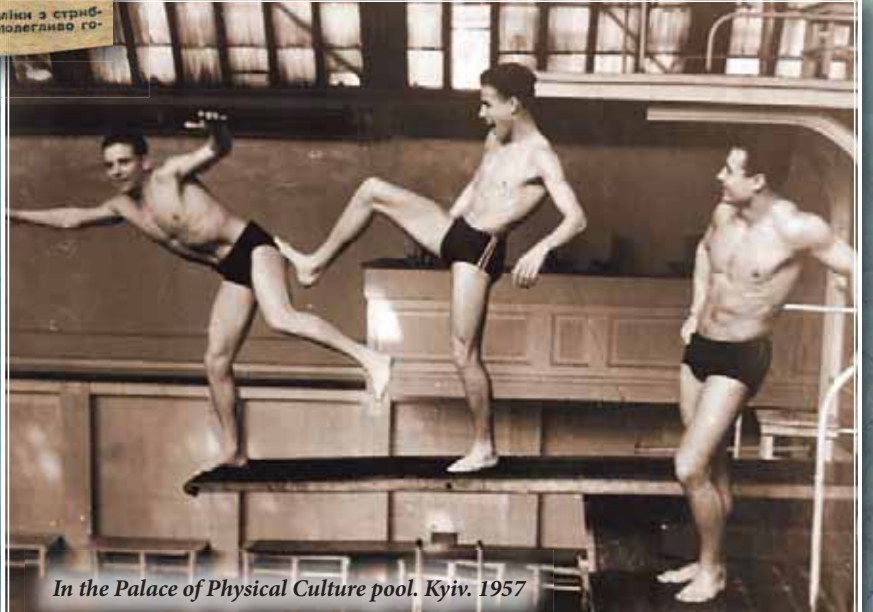
Inna Orlovska from Kyiv - the participant of the five cities of Ukraine championship. Kyiv



Кандидат до збірної команди республіки з стрибків у воду Інна Т. СТРОГАНОВА наполегливо готується до спартакіадних стартів.

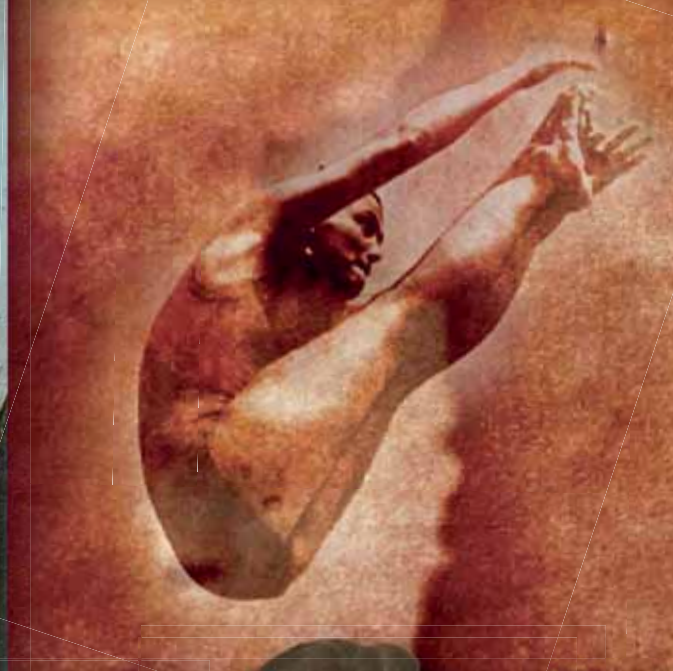


Winner of the V Spartakiad of Kyiv in diving from the 3-metre springboard and 10-metre platform, Master of Sports of the USSR Tetiana Stroganova



In the Palace of Physical Culture pool. Kyiv. 1957

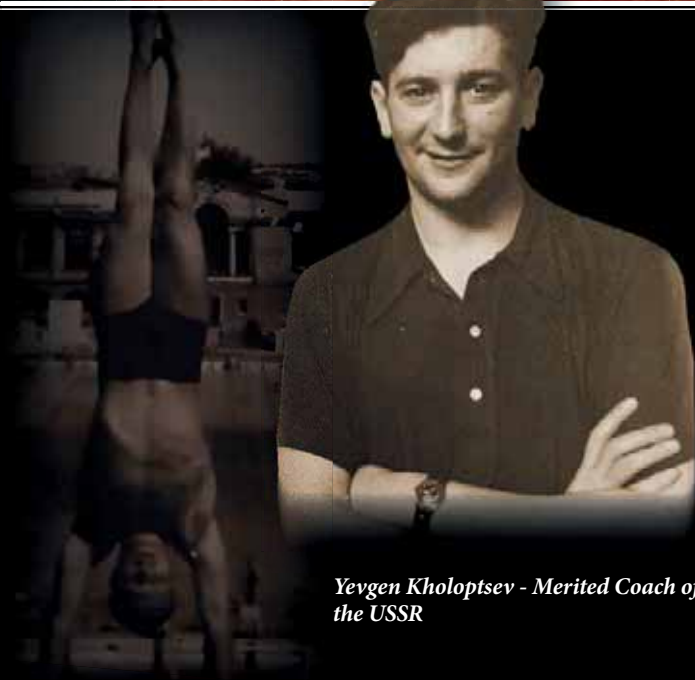
General Secretary of the CP of the USSR, Chairman of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of the USSR L. Brezhnev (centre), the First Secretary of the CP of Ukraine Shcherbytsky (L-R) at the meeting with the stars of the Ukrainian sports - Merited Master of Sports of the USSR Tamara Sarkisova, Polina Astakhova, Borys Shakhlin, Mykola Smaga, Anatoliy Bondarchuk (L-R)



Their apprentices Tetiana Stroganova, Tamara Sarkisova, Vadym Chaikin, Viktor Yatsenko, Vasyl Zamuruyev were the recognized leaders in diving not only in Ukraine but also in the USSR, successfully performing at the all-Union events, winning the most prestigious competitions - Championships and Cups of the USSR.

In the 1970s and 1980s, the number of diving coaches in the capital grew. The best coaches of Kyiv included Tamara Sarkisova, who trained the first World Junior Champion Viktor Palyga; Vanar Kuzmenko, and Mykhailo Ugyumov, who brought up the whole constellation of Masters of Sports of the USSR, and Masters of Sports of International Class. For their long work, these outstanding coaches were awarded the titles of Merited Coach of the Ukrainian SSR and Merited Coach of the USSR.

The leaders of Ukrainian diving during this period were Igor Lobanov, Yuriy Artamonov, Najib Alyautdinov, Igor Yanko, Andriy Ignatenko, Oleksandr Yanishevsky, Lidiya Tytarenko, and of course, Zhanna Tsyrulnikova and Valeriy Statsenko, who won not only the republican, all-union and all-Union competitions but also represented their school in the international arena, winning the



Yevgen Kholoptsev - Merited Coach of the USSR



Champions of the USSR Tamara Sarkisova and Vadym Chaikin (from right) with their teammates from the USSR national team



The Merited coach of the Kyrgyz SSR, Ukrainian SSR, and USSR Vanar Kuzmenko and European Junior Diving Champion, multiple champion of the USSR (1966–1969) Leonid Shekhtman, Master of Sports, bronze medallist of the USSR Championships Oleksandr Zhirikov in 1968



V.P. Kuzmenko at the Games of the XIX Olympiad in Mexico



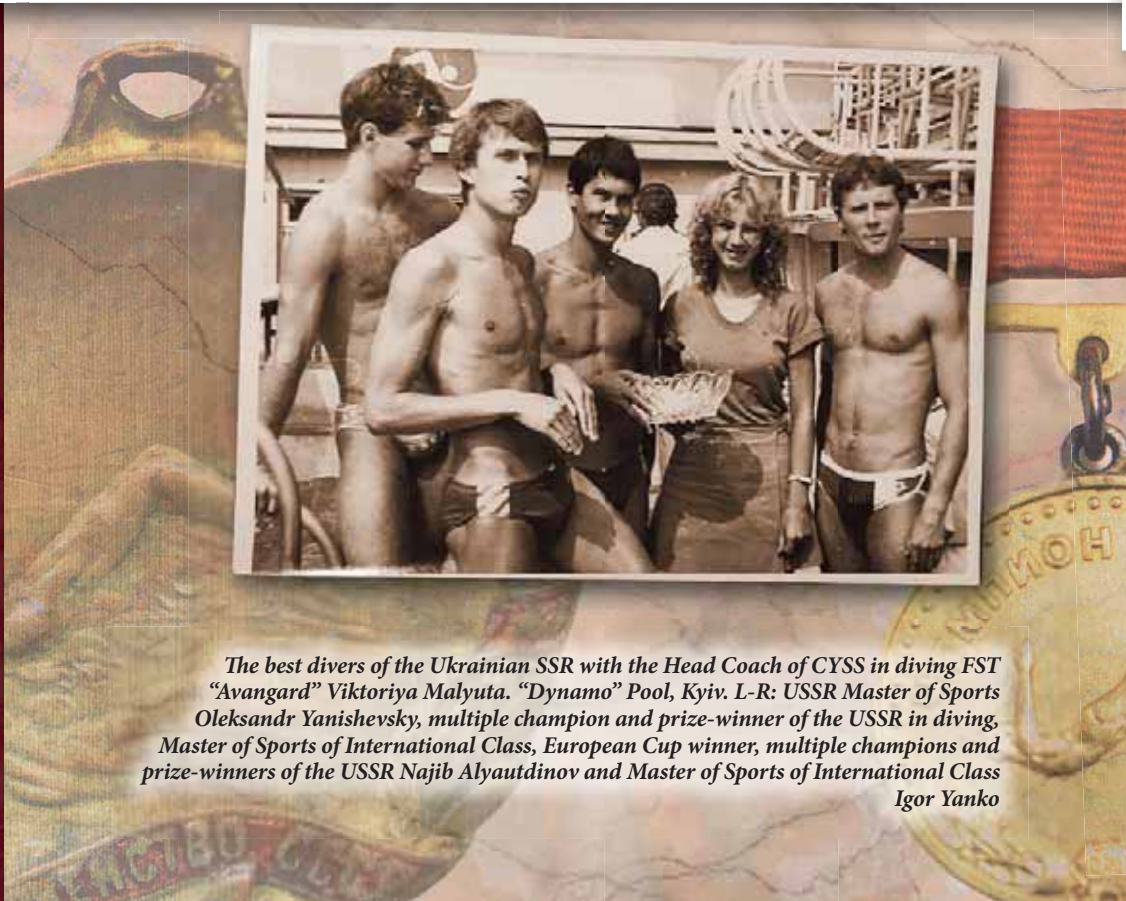
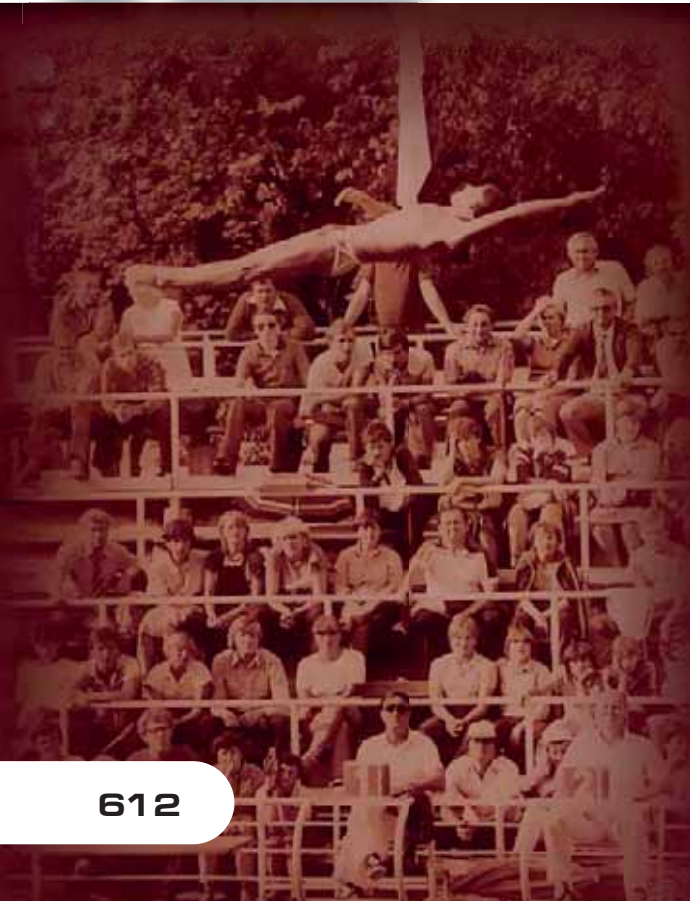
Vanar Kuzmenko - Master of Sports of the USSR, the Youth European Champion, the Junior Champion of the USSR. Kyiv. 1981

most prestigious competitions the European Championships, World Universiades and becoming participants and finalists of the Games of Olympiad.

In the beginning of the XXI century, diving suffered a severe decline in Kyiv: swimming pools and sports schools were closed; many coaches went to find work abroad.

The revival of diving in the capital of Ukraine began with putting into operation of a modern sports centre "LIKO", which housed Children's and Youth Sports Schools and created the necessary environment for training the national team. LIKO Sports Centre also became the home of the Kyiv Diving Federation headed by Volodymyr Volkovynskyi.

Today, the most titled apprentice of this diving school is the Merited Master of Sports of Ukraine Yuliya Prokopchuk - multiple winner of the European Championships (2006–2016), bronze (2013), and silver (2015) winner of the World Championships. Coaches of Yuliya Prokopchuk are Merited Coaches of Ukraine Andriy Rudenko and Nataliya Rudenko.

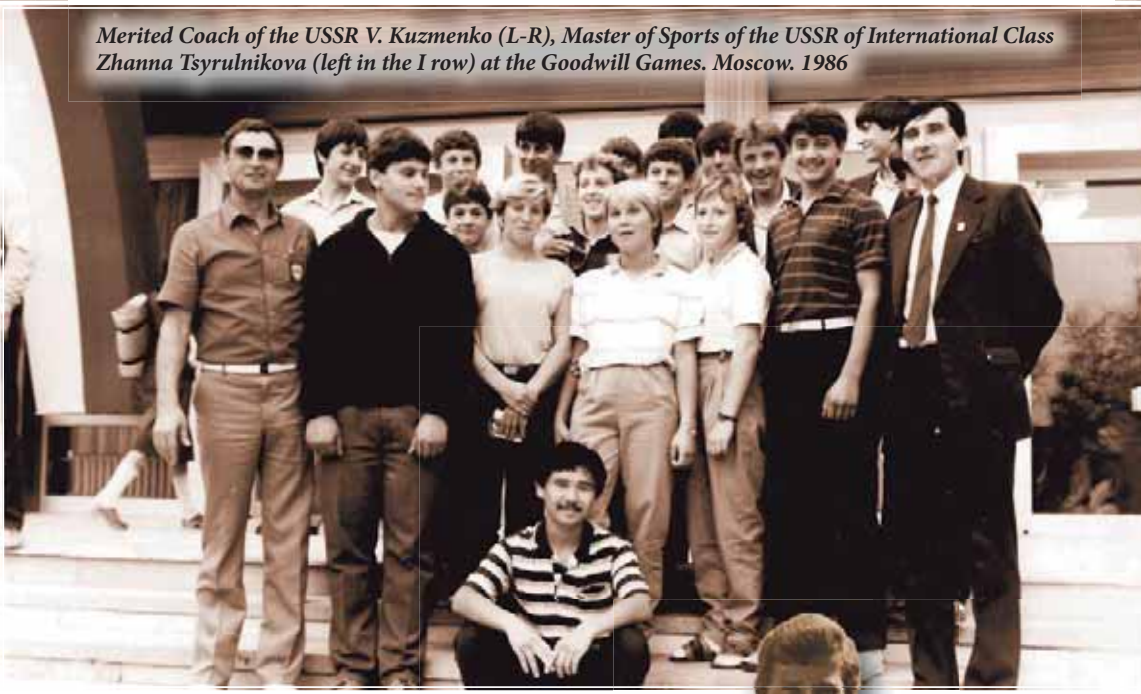


The best divers of the Ukrainian SSR with the Head Coach of CYSS in diving FST "Avangard" Viktoriya Malyuta. "Dynamo" Pool, Kyiv. L-R: USSR Master of Sports Oleksandr Yanishevsky, multiple champion and prize-winner of the USSR in diving, Master of Sports of International Class, European Cup winner, multiple champions and prize-winners of the USSR Najib Alyautdinov and Master of Sports of International Class Igor Yanko



Promising youth of the 1980s L-R: Master of Sports Viktor Palyga (Kyiv) - Junior World Champion in diving, Igor Yanko - Master of Sports of International Class (Kyiv), Master of Sports Lyudmyla Umkova (Luhans'k), Master of Sports Volodymyr Sak (Kyiv)

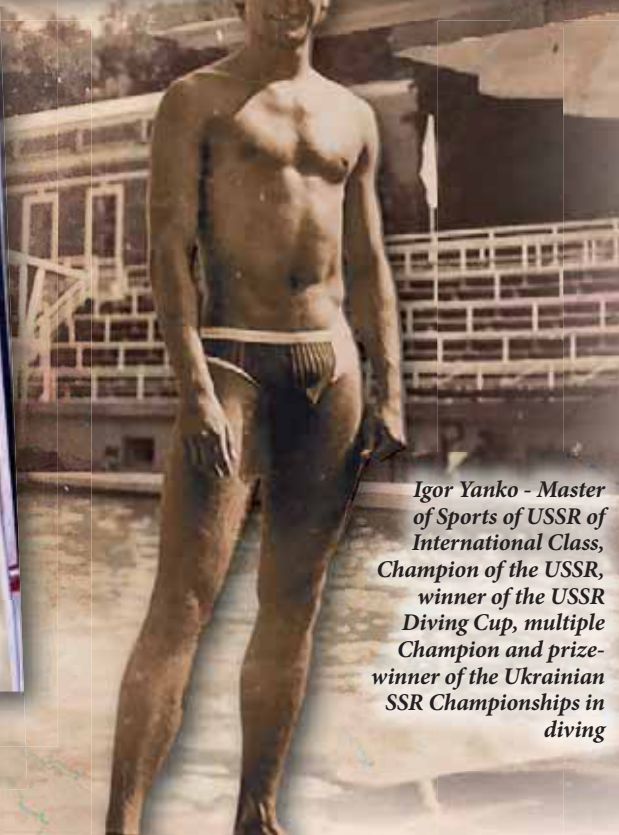
Merited Coach of the USSR V. Kuzmenko (L-R), Master of Sports of the USSR of International Class Zhanna Tsyruelnikova (left in the 1 row) at the Goodwill Games. Moscow. 1986



Merited Coach of the USSR Viktor Khakhanov



Multiple Champion of Ukrainian SSR Lydia Tytarenko



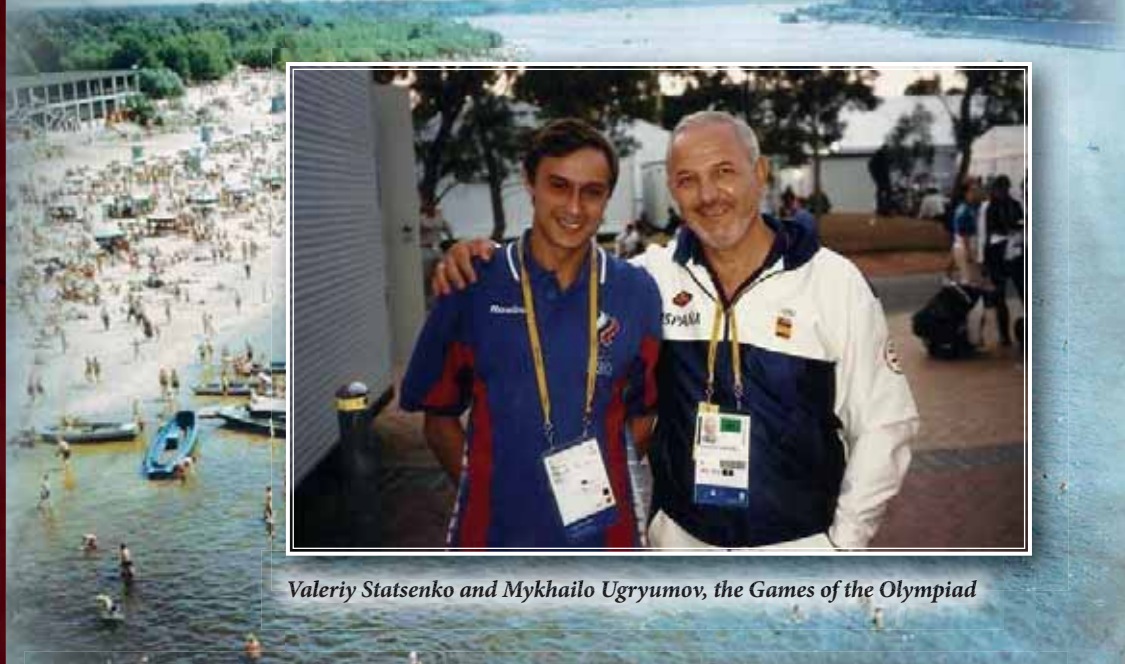
Igor Yanko - Master of Sports of USSR of International Class, Champion of the USSR, winner of the USSR Diving Cup, multiple Champion and prize-winner of the Ukrainian SSR Championships in diving



Anatoliy Kostrytsky (L-R) and the Merited Coach of the USSR Leonid Fedorenko. On the podium L-R: silver medallist Igor Yanko, champion Najib Alyautdinov



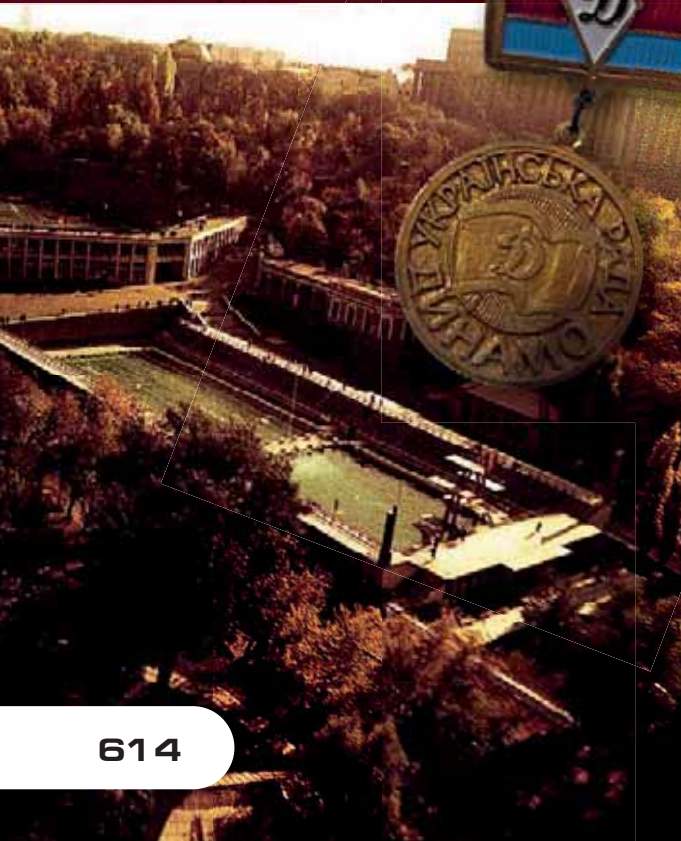
Zhanna Tsyruhnikova - Master of Sports of International Class



Valeriy Statsenko and Mykhailo Ugryumov, the Games of the Olympiad



Merited Coach of Ukraine Oleksandr Barsukov and Merited Coach of Ukraine, Head Coach of the Ukrainian National diving team Mykhailo Ugryumov with his apprentices - members of the National team, Master of Sports Anna Sorokina, Roman Volod'kov, Nataliya Tsybelko, and Valeriy Statsenko (L-R). The national team of Ukraine performed independently for the first time ever at the European Championships in aquatic sports, which were held under the auspices of LEN. Sheffield, 1993



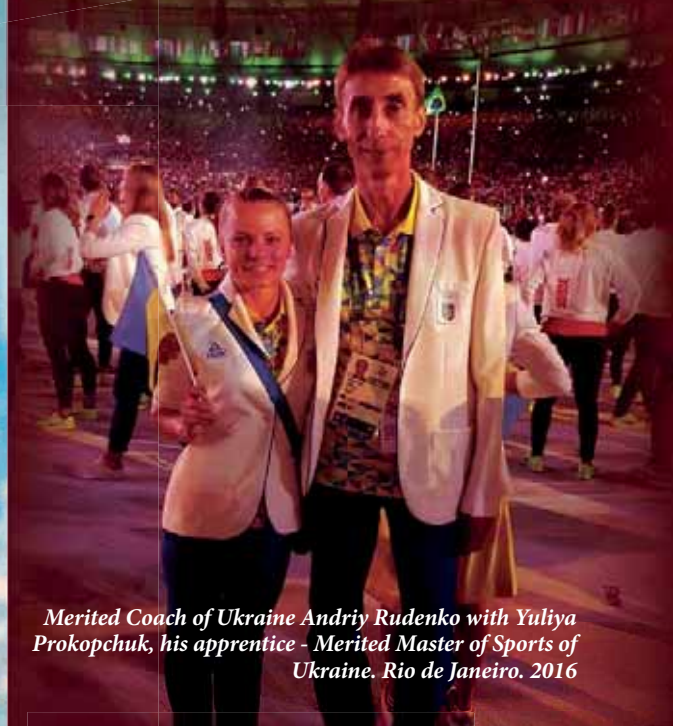
Good advice from Merited Coach Vanar Kuzmenko



Igor Lysov the President of the Ukrainian Diving Federation is being honoured with the Ukrainian State Award "Order of Merit" (I-st Class)



President of the Ukrainian Diving Federation I. Lysov is interviewed at the recently opened sports complex «LIKO»



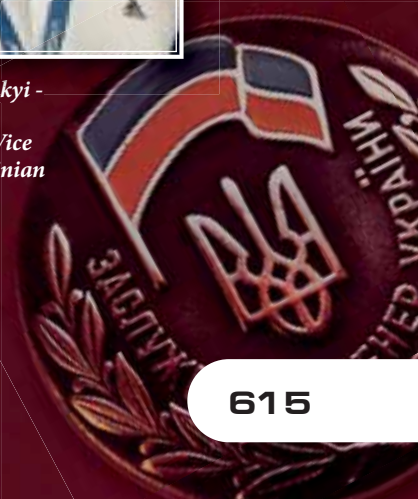
Merited Coach of Ukraine Andriy Rudenko with Yuliya Prokopchuk, his apprentice - Merited Master of Sports of Ukraine. Rio de Janeiro, 2016



Yuliya Prokopchuk - Merited Master of Sports of Ukraine, a two-time European champion (2012, 2013), multiple prize-winner of the World and European Championships



Volodymyr Volkovynskiy - President of the Kyiv Diving Federation, I Vice President of the Ukrainian Diving Federation



Cafe chantant "Chateau de Fleur" in the Tsar's Garden, on the site of which the sports complex "Dynamo" was built in Kyiv. 1910



Emperor Nicholas II with his wife and children during the celebration of the 300th anniversary of the reign of the Romanov dynasty



Swimming Pools in Kyiv

Aquatic sports developed on Trukhaniv Island in Kyiv with aquatic stations and temporary constructions as well as diving platforms at the amateur sports clubs "Dynamo", "Spartak", "Vodnyk", "Burevisnyk" as well as city beaches. In the cold season, divers practiced in the Kyiv Palace of Physical Culture (abbreviated "DFK" from the "Dvoretz Fizicheskoy Kultury"), which was located in the end of Sovetskaya Street (now - Fizkultury Street).

Remarkable is the history of creation of this building, which was erected as an exhibition pavilion of the All-Russian Trade and Industry Exhibition in 1913, to celebrate the 300th anniversary of the reign of the Romanov dynasty. The project of all the buildings of the Exhibition belonged to the famous architect of that time Vladislav Gorodetsky, who made a significant contribution to the formation of the image of Kyiv. Gorodetsky created the buildings of the National Art Museum of Ukraine, the National Ukrainian Drama Theatre named after Ivan Franko, the House of Organ and Chamber Music, the House of Chimeras, and many others.

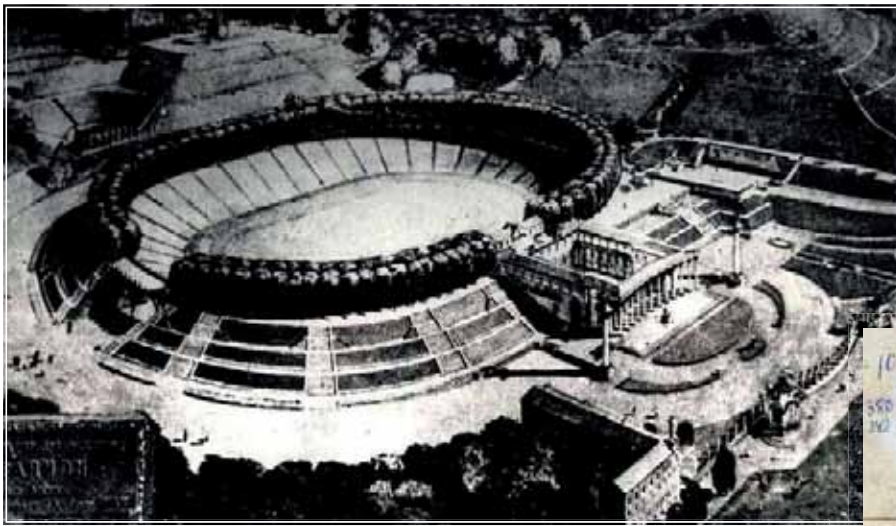
In the Soviet times, the Palace of Physical Education housed a swimming pool with a diving platform, bleachers and tumbling practice gyms.

The building of the Palace of Physical Culture was demolished as having lost its relevance in 1975.

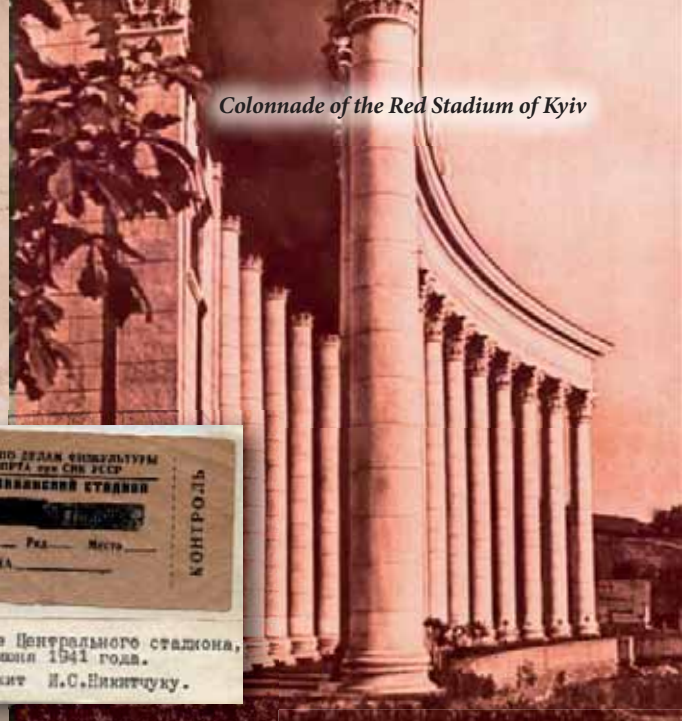
In 1967, during the next reconstruction of the sports complex "Dynamo" located in a picturesque area of Kyiv - The First of May Park (before the Revolution, here in the Tsar's Garden, was the Chateau de Fleur theatre (from the French "Castle of Flowers"),

In 1913, the building of the All-Russian Exhibition (right) was transformed into the Palace of Physical Culture. Kyiv





The project of the Red Stadium of Kyiv on the site of the 1913 All-Russian Exhibition



Colonnade of the Red Stadium of Kyiv



Билет на открытие Центрального стадиона, датированный 22 июля 1941 года. Принадлежит И.С.Никитчуку.

between the colonnade of the entrance and the main arena, there was a swimming pool with two basins - for swimmers and for divers. Adjacent to the pool were two grandstands for 2,000 spectators.

It was an outdoor heated pool allowing the trainings to continue all-year-around. The swimming pool became the central place of aquatic sports in the Ukrainian capital.

The all-Union, European and world competitions were held at the "Dynamo" Kyiv swimming pool for 25 years. It was one of the most important centres for aquatic sports in Ukraine.

The largest outdoor swimming pool in the capital ceased to exist, the pool baths, platforms, and grandstands were eventually demolished in 1992.

A significant event in the life of Kyiv was the opening in 1954–1955 of an indoor swimming pool with a diving platform on the territory of the sports complex of the Kyiv Military District, better known as the SKA (Sportyvnyi Klub Armii) swimming pool, where diving sports clubs began to operate with the main goal of preparing qualified athletes. The pool was also a diving centre for students at the Institute of Physical Education.

The Combat Training Department of the Kyiv Military District in Kyiv formed the KVO Sports Club on April 1, 1957, in which talented coaches and athletes began to work, and outstanding divers came to perfect their mastership.

In the 1990s, after more than 30 years of successful operation, the swimming pool of the sports club of the Kyiv Military District was closed in need of major repairs. In 2005, the historic SKA swimming pool, and now the swimming pool of the Central Command of the Armed Forces of Ukraine, reopened its doors to diving enthusiasts and became the basis for Olympic training of the Ukrainian diving team.



Platforms and springboards for diving at the sports club of the Kyiv Military District

Swimming Pool of the Central Command of the Armed Forces of Ukraine after reconstruction. 2005



Colonnade of the Central Sports Club building of the Armed Forces of Ukraine





The swimming pool of the Kyiv Order of Lenin Polytechnic Institute. Named after the 50th anniversary of the Great October Socialist Revolution in Kyiv. 1990



Colonnade of the entrance of the "Dynamo" Stadium in Kyiv



Swimming pools of the "Dynamo" Sports Complex in Kyiv

In the difficult 1990s, when the swimming pools of Kyiv began to close one after another, divers were relocated to the 50-metre pool of the Kyiv Order of Lenin Polytechnic Institute (today it is the National Technical University of Ukraine "Kyiv Polytechnic Institute named after Igor Sikorsky"), which was equipped with 1-, 3-, 5-, 7- and 10-metre platforms and a depth of 7.5 m.

The pool opened in 1983 became the training centre for both the leading divers of the capital of Ukraine and a place for training youth.

Ukrainian divers received a new powerful impetus when in September 2013 "LIKO-Holding", the main sponsor of the Ukrainian Diving Federation, constructed the "LIKO" sports centre, the only state-of-the-art diving complex in Ukraine, where the Ukrainian national diving team as well as the "workshop of the Ukrainian divers" the children's school "Triumph" were located.

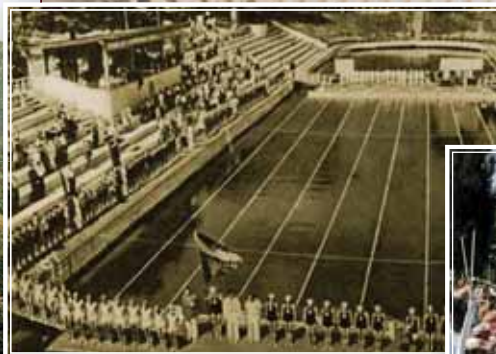
The most state-of-the-art sports complex includes an Olympic-class swimming pool (50 x 25 m), with springboards (1 and 3 m), platforms (1, 3, 5, 7.5 and 10 m) and a hydraulic cushion, dry-land training equipment, a gym, recreation centre, and bleachers.

No wonder that in June 2017 and in August 2019, the European Diving Championships were held there, and in July 2018 - the World Junior Diving Championships.

The high-quality sports facilities available to both the children's school and the members of the Ukrainian National teams allow us to hope for a rapid increase in the level of skills of the Ukrainian divers.

"... I remember the mild September evenings in Kyiv. Surrounded on all sides by thick treetops cozy pool «Dynamo». The stands are crowded ..."

Vladimir Vasin, Olympic Champion



"Dynamo" Pool in Kyiv. 1980





Diving zone of the pool of the sports complex «LIKO»



The «LIKO» swimming pool is a training hub of the diving National Team of Ukraine. Kyiv, 2020



The European Championships 2019 were held at the "LIKO" aquatic centre



Yuriy Stakhanov - Master of Sports of the USSR, champion of the USSR and Ukrainian SSR



Kharkiv

Historical traditions, the availability of adequate sports facilities, and qualified personnel contributed to the formation of a powerful diving school in Kharkiv, which prepared many champions of the USSR, Europe, participants, and winners of the Games of the Olympiad.

The first most successful Kharkiv diver, who performed brilliantly in the 1950s, was Yuriy Stakhanov - Master of Sports of the USSR, a member of the national team of the Ukrainian SSR, multiple winner of national Championships.

The champion of the Republic Volodymyr Yefimov, who moved from Lviv, put great effort into the establishment of a diving school in Kharkiv.

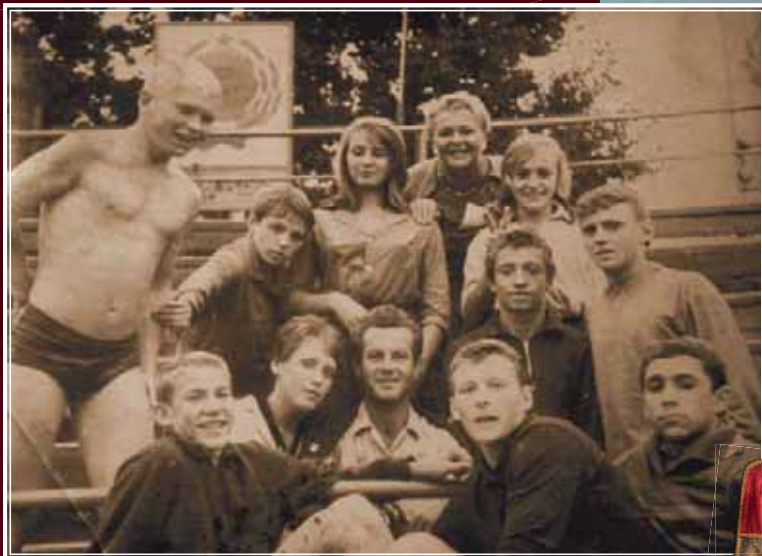
However, the most titled diver of the Kharkiv region in the second half of the 1950s-1960s was an extremely talented athlete Mykola Naumenko.

Master of Sports of the USSR Mykola Naumenko was the first to win the Championships of the USSR in the platform. During the next decade, he repeatedly won the Championships of the Republic.

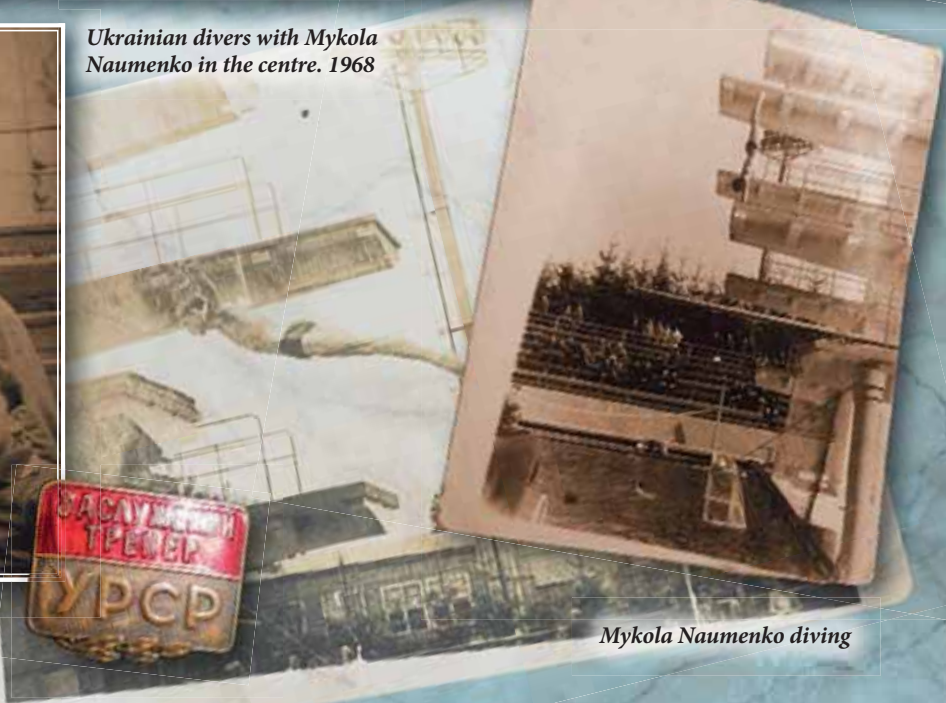
Another Kharkiv resident, Oleg Shelest won the Ukrainian Championships in the platform for the first time in 1956 and received the bronze medal in the 3-metre springboard. Master of Sports of the USSR Oleg Shelest was a multiple winner (in the platform) and the winner (in the springboard) of the Championships of the USSR.



Mykola Naumenko - Master of Sports of the USSR, multiple champion of the Ukrainian SSR, Merited Coach of the USSR



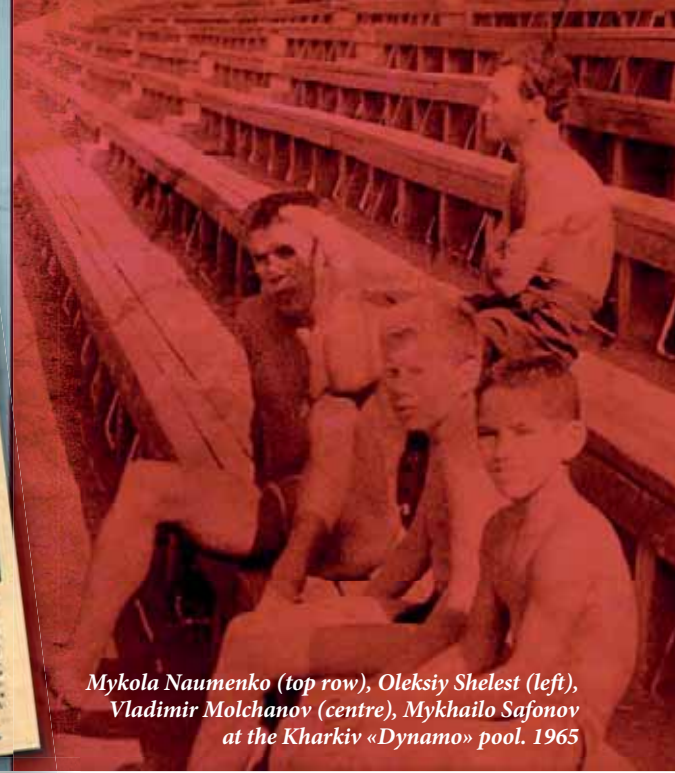
Ukrainian divers with Mykola Naumenko in the centre. 1968



Mykola Naumenko diving



The best athletes of the USSR (L-R): Gennadiy Bezzabotnov (brother of the first Soviet Olympic medallist (1960) Ninel Krutova), Yevgen Kholoptsev (coach of the 1962 USSR champion Anatoliy Kostytsky) Volodymyr Yefimov (founder of the school of diving in Kharkiv), Yuriy Stakhanov (multiple champion of the USSR). Kharkiv. 1949



Mykola Naumenko (top row), Oleksiy Shelest (left), Vladimir Molchanov (centre), Mykhailo Safonov at the Kharkiv «Dynamo» pool. 1965

Galyna Kalenyk from Kharkiv also performed successfully, Master of Sports of the USSR and the bronze medallist of the USSR Championships (1954) in the women's platform.

In the 1970s, the greatest success was achieved by an apprentice of Mykola Naumenko, Master of Sports of the USSR Volodymyr Molchanov.

Following V. Molchanov in the late 1970s, talented divers I. Petrenko and T. Ustinov boldly made their way into the Youth and then into the National team of the Ukrainian SSR.

The winner of the European Cup was Master of Sports, Kharkiv resident Mykhailo Safonov.

In 1977, a specialized Children's and Youth Sports School in aquatic sports began operating in Kharkiv.

In 2013, the school was awarded the title of Yana Klochkova's Specialized Children's and Youth Sports School of the Olympic Reserve. Merited Coaches of Ukraine Tetiana Tolchanova and Volodymyr Molchanov brought up a constellation of outstanding divers there.

Oleksiy Prygorov, Merited Master of Sports of Ukraine, the European Junior Champion (2004), the European Champions Cup winner (2005), the bronze medallist of the XXIX Olympiad in Beijing (2008), the European champion (2009, 2010), became the most decorated modern athlete of the Kharkiv school. Today, Oleksiy Prygorov is one of the world's leading platform divers.



Oleg Shelest diving. Kyiv. 1963



Winner of the Ukrainian Diving Championships in the 3-metre springboard Volodymyr Yatsenko (L-R) and the champion of Ukraine, Master of Sports Volodymyr Molchanov



Diving Champion of Ukraine Oleg Shelest. 1963



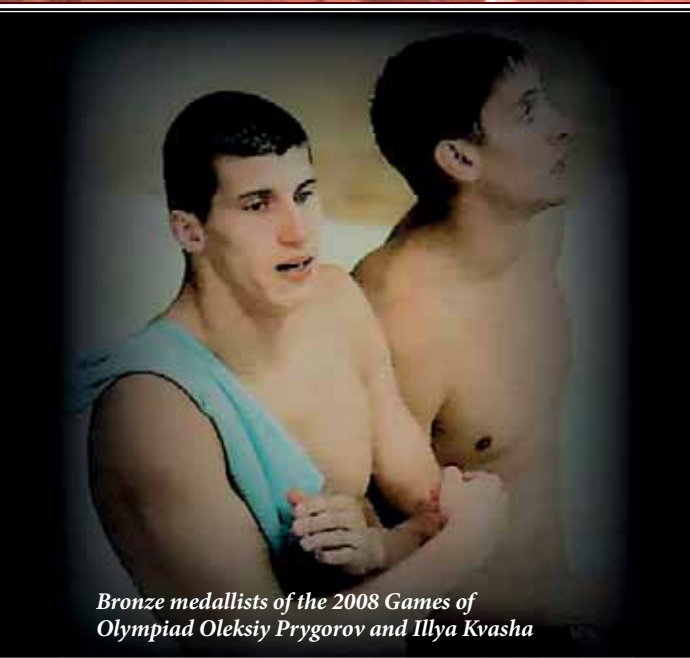
Diving Competitions at the Kharkiv "Dynamo" pool. 1966



A group of young divers. «Aquarena». Kharkiv. 2016



Oleksiy Prygorov with his coach and friends. Kharkiv. 2010



Bronze medallists of the 2008 Games of Olympiad Oleksiy Prygorov and Illya Kvasha

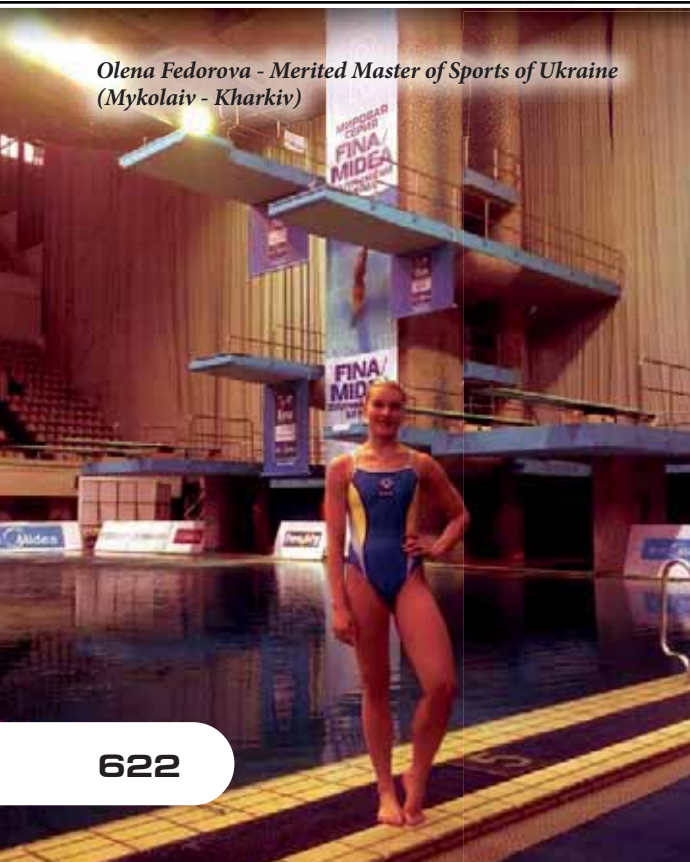
Well-known is the name of Yegor Yakovenko - Master of Sports of International Class, a participant of the World Cup (5th place), and multiple champion of Ukraine.

In addition to Oleksiy Prygorov and Yegor Yakovenko, V. Molchanov prepared Merited Master of Sports of Ukraine Olena Fedorova and Master of Sports of Ukraine of International Class Alevtyna Korolyova as well as eleven Master of Sports of Ukraine.

In addition to the outstanding Oleksiy Prygorov, among V. Molchanov's apprentices is the youth multiple champion of Ukraine Sergiy Bondar.

Talented youth was also raised at Yana Klochkova's Specialized Children's and Youth Sports School of the Olympic Reserve: the champion of Ukraine and Master of Sports Vitaliy Levchenko; winner of the Ukrainian Diving Championships, Master of Sports Danylo Gorenko; winner of the Ukrainian Junior Diving Championships, Master of Sports of Ukraine Polina Synytsia; Master of Sports of Ukraine Vyacheslav Kolesnykov, Sergiy Bondar, Dmytro Kachanov, Myroslav Tolstokory, Danylo Mokretsov, and others.

The development of diving is headed by the Kharkiv region Non-Governmental Organisation Diving Federation, whose President is Sergiy Misyutin.



Olena Fedorova - Merited Master of Sports of Ukraine (Mykolaiv - Kharkiv)

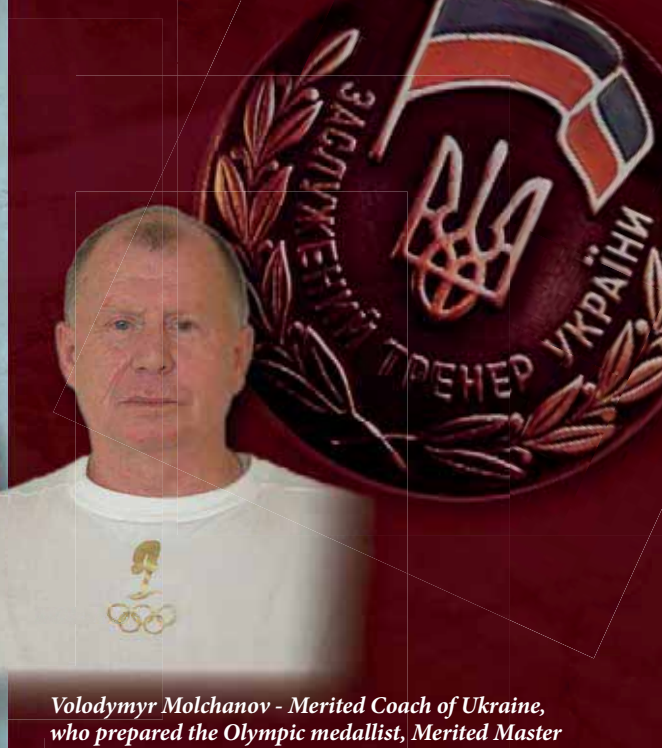


Sergiy Bondar - Master of Sports of Ukraine, multiple champion of Ukraine



Athletes of the Children's and Youth Sports School with their young coach Volodymyr Molchanov. In the second row, on the far left, is the future world champion Oleksiy Prygorov

Tetiana Tolchanova - Merited Coach of Ukraine. Among her apprentices are Merited Master of Sports of Ukraine Oleksiy Prygorov, Master of Sports of Ukraine Sergiy Bondar



Volodymyr Molchanov - Merited Coach of Ukraine, who prepared the Olympic medallist, Merited Master of Sports of Ukraine Oleksiy Prygorov, Master of Sports of Ukraine of International Class Alevtyna Korolyova, Olena Fedorova, Yegor Yakovenko, thirteen Masters of Sports of Ukraine



Merited Coaches of Ukraine V. Molchanov (L-R) and V. Yatsenko



Oleksiy Prygorov - Merited Master of Sports of Ukraine, the bronze medallist of the 2008 Games of the XXIX Olympiad in Beijing



President of the Kharkiv region Non-Governmental Organisation Diving Federation Sergiy Misyutin



Diving competitions at the "Dynamo" aquatic station in Vasyshev. 1938. Kharkiv



Pools in Kharkiv

In the pre-war period, Kharkiv residents used the "Dynamo" aquatic station equipped with a diving platform in Vasyshev to hold training sessions and competitions in aquatic sports.

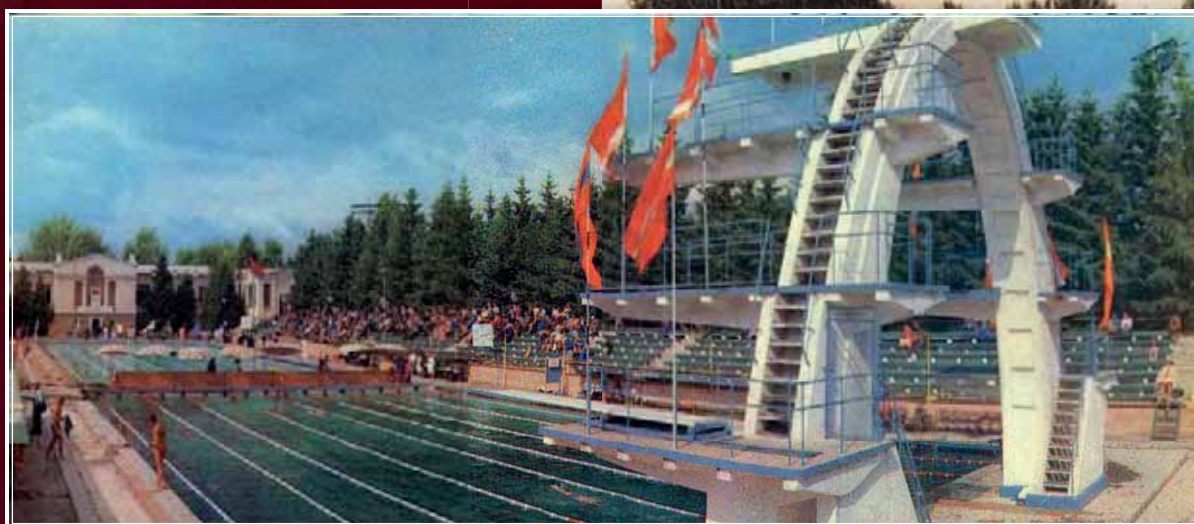
A remarkable event in the sports life of Kharkiv was the opening in 1964 of a swimming centre, which became the main attraction of the "Dynamo" sports complex beginning its history in 1931. The swimming centre had two pools: one - for swimming, the second - for water polo and diving with a 10-metre platform as well as a pavilion for dryland training and a grandstand for 2.5 thousand spectators.

The "Dynamo" pool in Kharkiv quickly affected the growth of the number of qualified divers.

For almost 30 years, the "Dynamo" swimming pool has been the centre of life for aquatic sports. After such extended usage, the facility needed major repairs, for the implementation of which there were not enough funds.

In 1992, "Dynamo" - the largest outdoor swimming pool in Kharkiv - ceased to exist. In 2008, the pool baths, grandstands, and platforms were demolished.

"Dynamo" pool was the largest outdoor pool in Kharkiv. 1980s





"Aquarena" swimming pool. Kharkiv. 2015



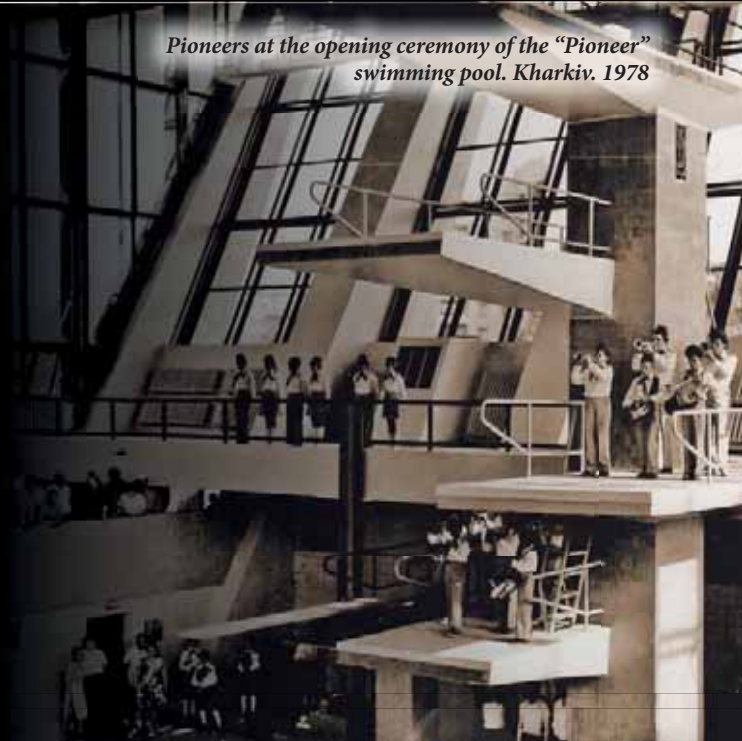
Palace of Aquatic sports of the "Spartak" Society in Kharkiv began its work as a sports training facility of all-Union significance in 1976.

Experts believe that the loss of the "Dynamo" swimming pool complex was the biggest failure of local authorities in the entire postwar period of the history of the Kharkiv "Dynamo" division.

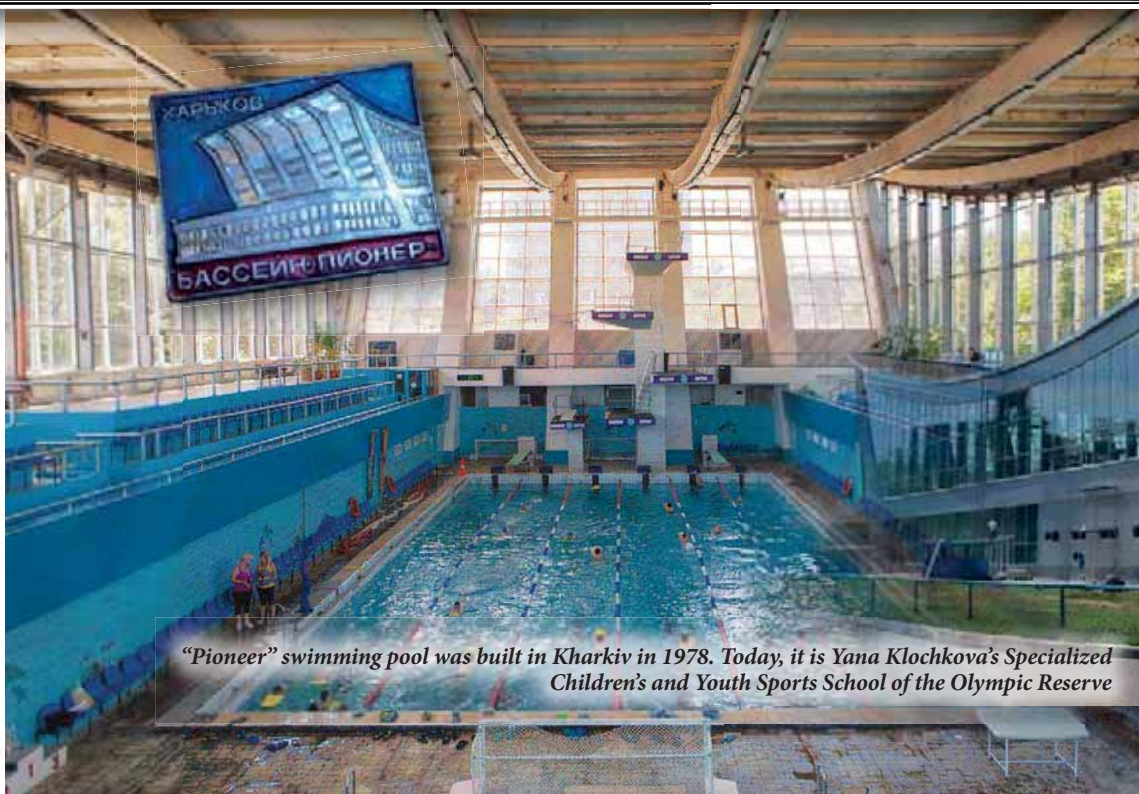
In 1976, the construction of the Palace of Aquatic sports was completed by the "Spartak" Society, which functioned as a sports training facility of all-Union significance. It had an Olympic-sized pool and diving platforms; the depth of the pool in the diving zone was 7 m.

Many international competitions took place in this facility during Soviet times; it also functioned as the centre for Olympic preparation. Today, after a partial reconstruction, the swimming pool has changed its name to a more modern one - "Aquarena"; it conducts classes in the platform with a maximum height of 10 m and a maximum depth of 6 m.

The Kharkiv "Pioneer" swimming pool was built in 1978. It was equipped with 3-, 5-, 7-metre platforms for diving. In the "Pioneer" pool, there is a Children's and Youth Sports School (today named after Yana Klochkova), where prominent coaches prepared dozens of leading athletes of Ukraine: Oleksiy Prygorov, Yegor Yakovenko, Alevtyna Korolyova, Sergiy Bondar, and others.



Pioneers at the opening ceremony of the "Pioneer" swimming pool. Kharkiv. 1978



"Pioneer" swimming pool was built in Kharkiv in 1978. Today, it is Yana Klochkova's Specialized Children's and Youth Sports School of the Olympic Reserve





O. Tkachenko - Merited Coach of the USSR and the Ukrainian SSR, one of the founders of the Zaporizhia school of diving. The photo captures O. Tkachenko in at the Dniproges in 1930



Dniproges is the largest hydroelectric power plant in Ukraine, supplying electricity to the Donetsk-Kryvyi Rih industrial district. With the construction of the dam, the water level in the Dniro River rose by 50 metres allowing it to be navigated by boats. Zaporizhia

Zaporizhia

One of the founders of the Zaporizhia school of diving was Merited Coach of the USSR and the Ukrainian SSR Oleksandr Tkachenko, who returned to Zaporizhia, the city of his youth, after many years of fruitful coaching work in Lviv. His experience and knowledge became the basis of the victorious traditions of the Ukrainian diving: among his trainees were the 10-time USSR champion Inga Afonina (1986-1992), the first Ukrainian world champions Olena Zhupina and Svitlana Serbina (1998), the first Ukrainian Olympic medallists Olena Zhupina and Anna Sorokina (2000), the first Ukrainian multiple winners of the World Championships Roman Volod'kov and Anton Zakharov (2001, 2003).

Mykola Kapenkov, a graduate of Lviv, became the follower of O. Tkachenko. Over time, he was joined by his apprentice Master of Sports, a member of the National Team of the Ukrainian SSR Volodymyr Chumak. Among his best athletes was Tetiana Turova, now Merited Coach of Ukraine.

Divers began to train professionally in Zaporizhia only in the 1970s with the appearance of heated indoor swimming pools. Until then, they practiced on the Dniro River mostly in warm weather.

The first wooden diving platform in Zaporizhia was installed on Lenin Island (now Sahaïdachny Island). Subsequently, the platform was towed from the island to the Metallurg aquatic centre, and after reconstruction it was relocated to the Budivelnyk aquatic centre.



Merited Coach of the USSR Oleksandr Tkachenko and young coach Tetiana Turova on the day of the 70th anniversary of "Maestro"

"МОТОР СИЧ" - качество, проверенное временем

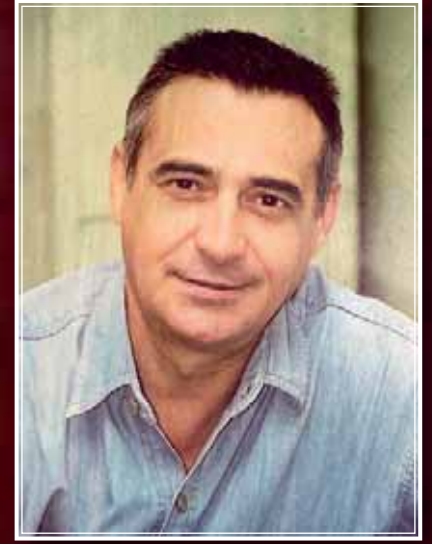


Slavutych Pool was opened in 1972 as part of the sports complex of the unique Motor Sich enterprise





Inga Afonina with the Merited Coach of Ukraine L. Tolkachov



Leonid Tolkachov - Merited Coach of Ukraine

In winter, divers had to commute to the nearby Dnipropetrovsk every Saturday to compensate for the lack of swimming pools in their own town.

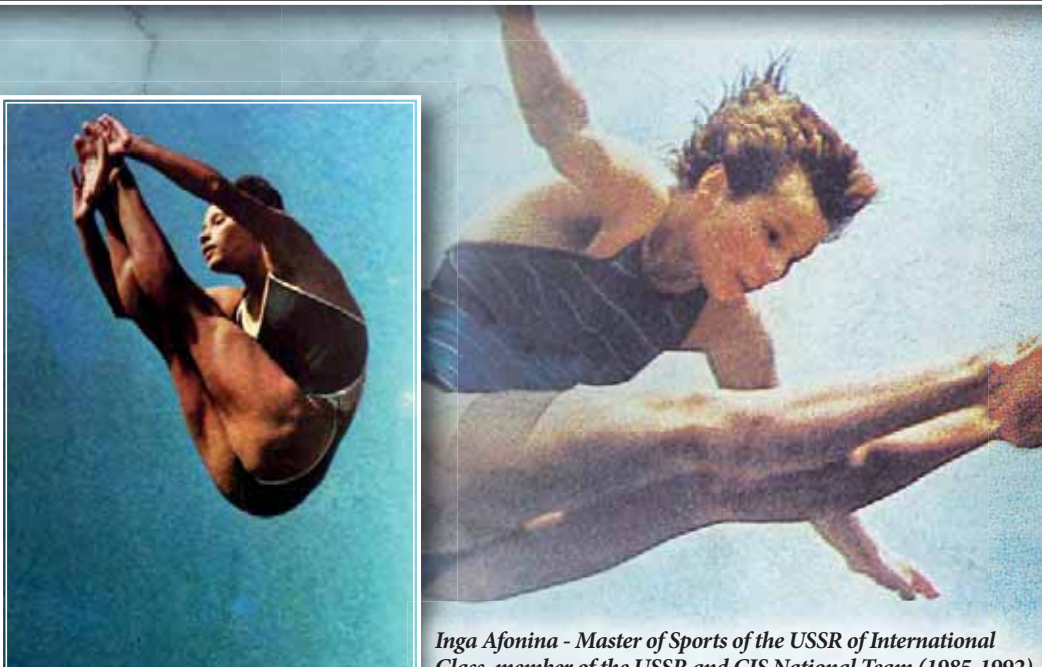
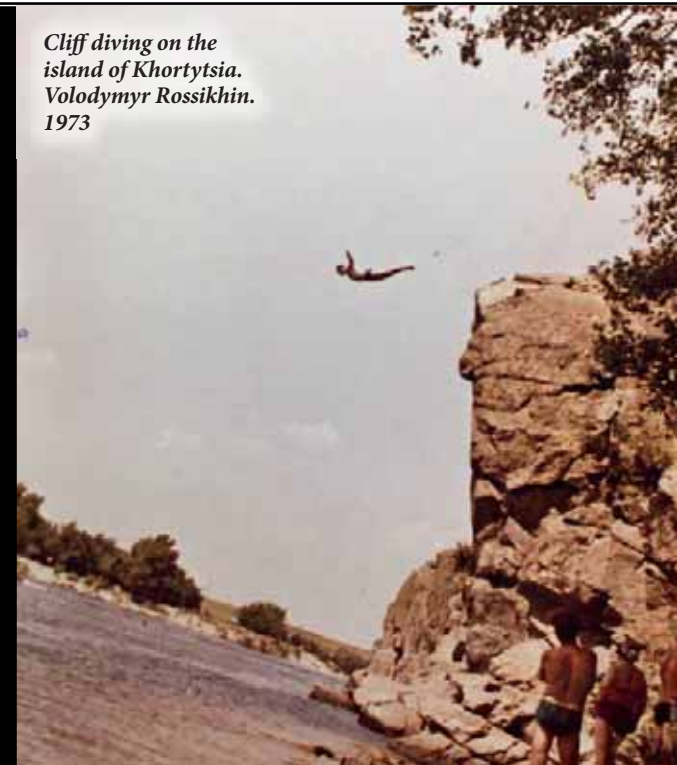
The 50-metre Slavutych swimming pool with a 10-metre platform and springboards for diving was finally built as part of the sports complex of the unique Motorobudivelnyk enterprise (now Motor Sich Company) in January 1972 in Zaporizhia with children's and youth diving sports schools on its premises.

Young professionals Yevgen Pishkurov and Igor Gulov, multiple champion of the USSR and Master of Sports Vyacheslav Malynovskyi by then moved to Zaporizhia. Coaches Volodymyr and Nataliya Tarasenko started training beginners. A new Zaporizhia school of diving emerged, where such two sports as gymnastics and diving were organically combined. The results came two years later, the Zaporizhia divers not only became a part of the National Team of Ukraine but also of the National Team of the Soviet Union.

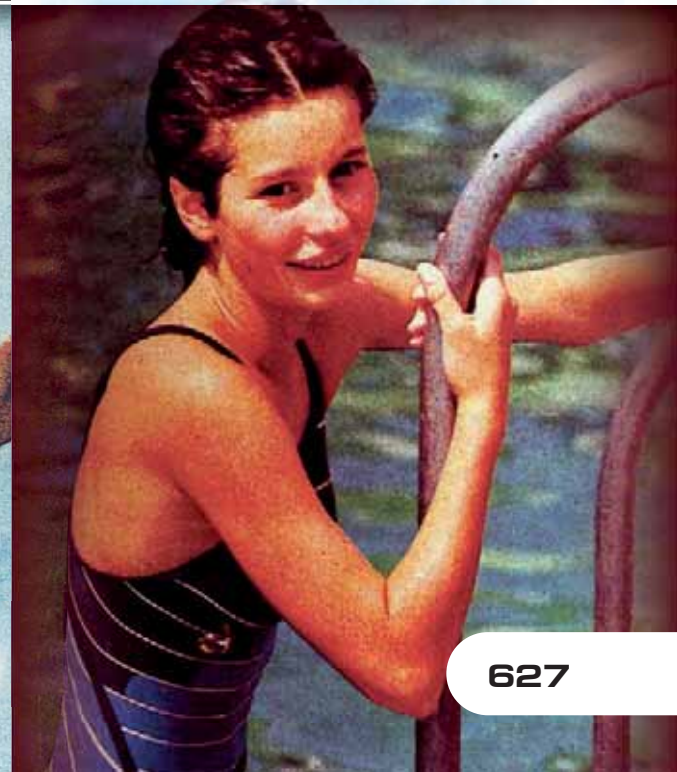
The apprentices of the young coach Tetiana Turova progressed quickly. Among the first ones Master of Sports Svitlana Naumenko, among the first candidates for the Olympic team - Tetiana Gadun, who later became Master of Sports of the USSR of International Class, multiple winners of the USSR Championships, European and World Junior Champions.

Sergiy Gurylyov, an apprentice of Merited Coach of Ukraine Yevgen Pishkurov, Master of Sports of the USSR of International Class, winner of the Goodwill Games, multiple winner of the USSR Championships, multiple champion of Ukraine, are worthy of mention.

Cliff diving on the island of Khortytsia. Volodymyr Rossikhin. 1973



Inga Afonina - Master of Sports of the USSR of International Class, member of the USSR and CIS National Team (1985-1992)

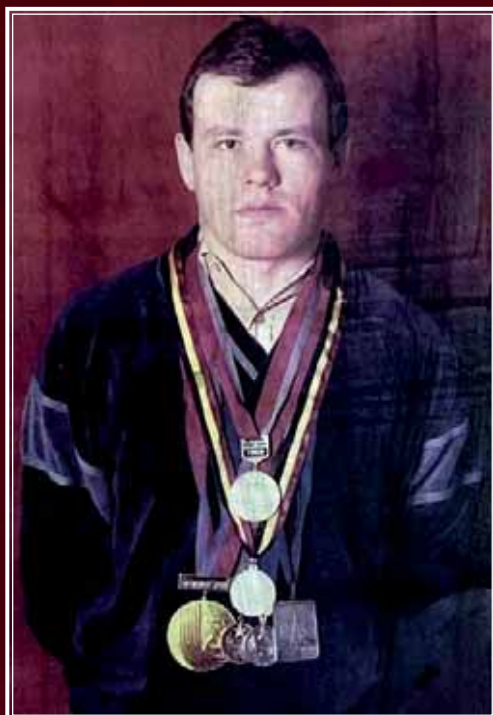




Merited Coach of Ukraine Tetiana Turova



Tetiana Gadun - Master of Sports of the USSR of International Class, USSR champion



Sergiy Gurylyov - Master of Sports of International Class, winner of the Goodwill Games, multiple winner of USSR Championships, multiple champion of Ukraine

Master of Sports of Ukraine of International Class Iryna Pisareva, multiple champion of the USSR performed brilliantly in the 1990s. She was an apprentice of Merited Coaches of Ukraine Lyubov Barsukova and Oleksandr Barsukov.

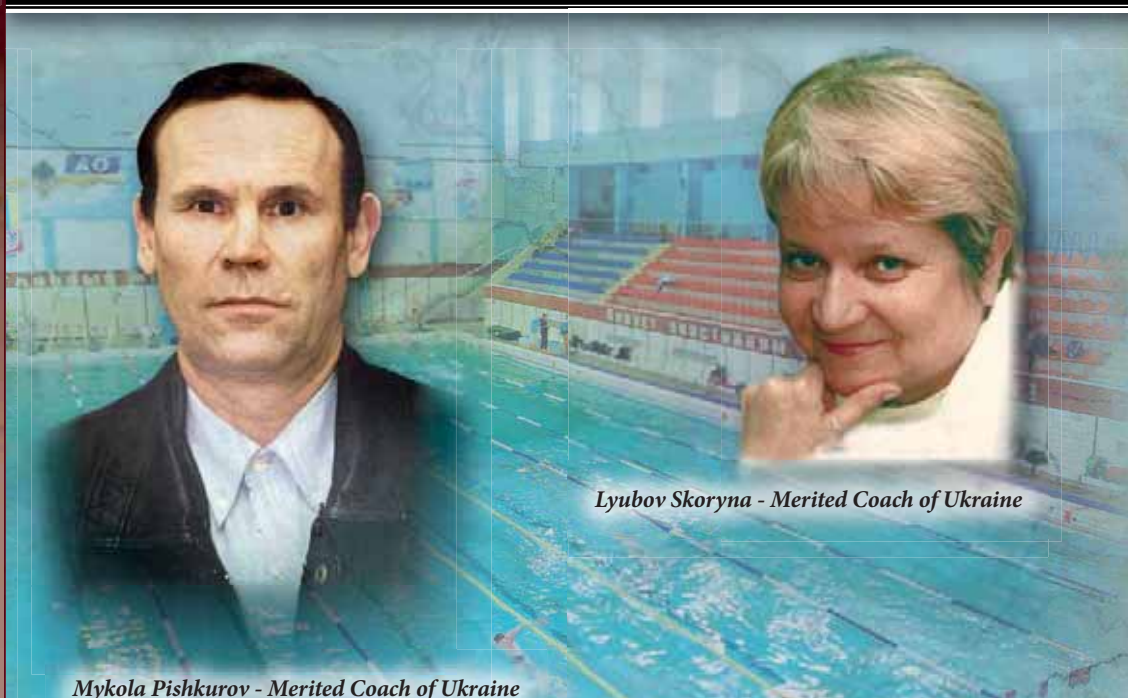
Olena Zhupina, who became the champion of the USSR in 1991, was a serious contender to participate at the 1992 Games of the XXV Olympiad as part of the Unified CIS team. However, it was decided to send only one representative of Ukraine to the Games. It was a more experienced diver Inga Afonina, and the young Olena Zhupina and her coach T. Turova stayed at home.

The most titled of the Zaporizhia school of diving was an apprentice of Merited Coach of Ukraine Leonid Tolkachov - Inga Afonina - Master of Sports of Ukraine of International Class, the bronze medallist of the Goodwill Games (1990) in platform, the silver medallist of the European Championships (1989, 1991), a participant of the 1992 Games of the XXV Olympiad in Barcelona (5th place).

At the Games of the XXVI Olympiad in 1996 in Atlanta, Ukraine was represented by Olena Zhupina, who competed in both platform and springboard, taking 6th and 5th and places, respectively.

Olena Zhupina and Svitlana Serbina became the champions of the first synchronised diving 10-metre platform events at the World Championships in Perth (Australia) in 1998. Olena also received the gold medal in individual competitions.

In Sydney 2000, Olena Zhupina and Anna Sorokina won the first Olympic medals for the Ukrainian diving team.



Mykola Pishkurov - Merited Coach of Ukraine



Lyubov Skoryna - Merited Coach of Ukraine

Master of Sports of Ukraine of International Class Iryna Pisareva (L-R) and Merited Master of Sports of Ukraine Svitlana Serbina at the Games of the XXVII Olympiad. Atlanta, 1996



Tetiana Turova - Merited Coach of Ukraine, Merited Worker of Physical Culture and Sports of Ukraine



Coach Tetiana Turova, athletes Olena Zhupina and Anna Sorokina were awarded the state award for their success at the 2000 Games of the XXVII Olympiad in Sydney

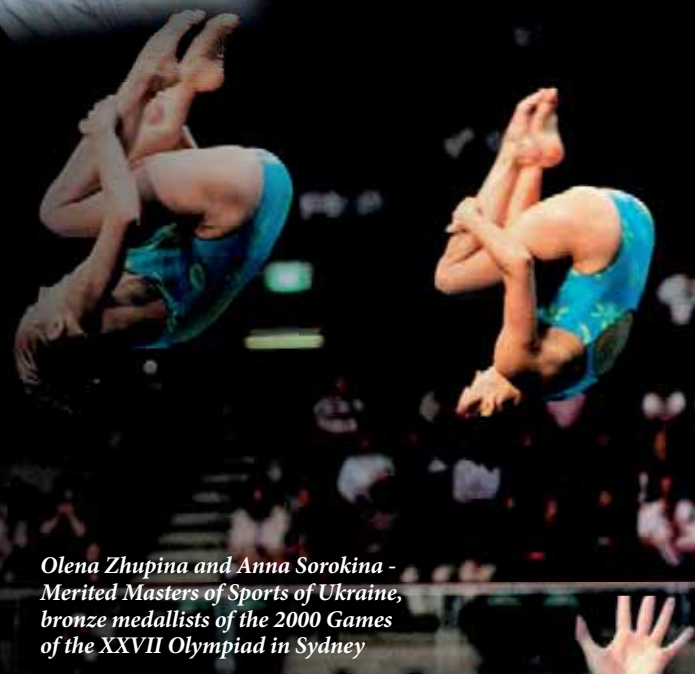


Olena Zhupina became the most titled diver in Ukraine. She is a Merited Master of Sports of Ukraine, the bronze medallist of the European Championships (1993), the silver medallist of the Goodwill Games, a two-time world champion (1998), a two-time European champion (1992), the silver medallist (2002), a participant of three Games of Olympiads (1996, 2000, 2004), the bronze medallist (2000).

Olena Zhupina's reliable partner was an outstanding Zaporizhia diver, Merited Master of Sports of Ukraine Anna Sorokina. Together with Olena Zhupina, they won gold medals at the European Championships (1999) in synchronised springboard diving, bronze medals at the European Championships (2000), World Cups (1999, 2000), the Games of the XXVII Olympiad (2000), and the Goodwill Games (2000). Anna was a participant of two Games of Olympiads (2000, 2004).

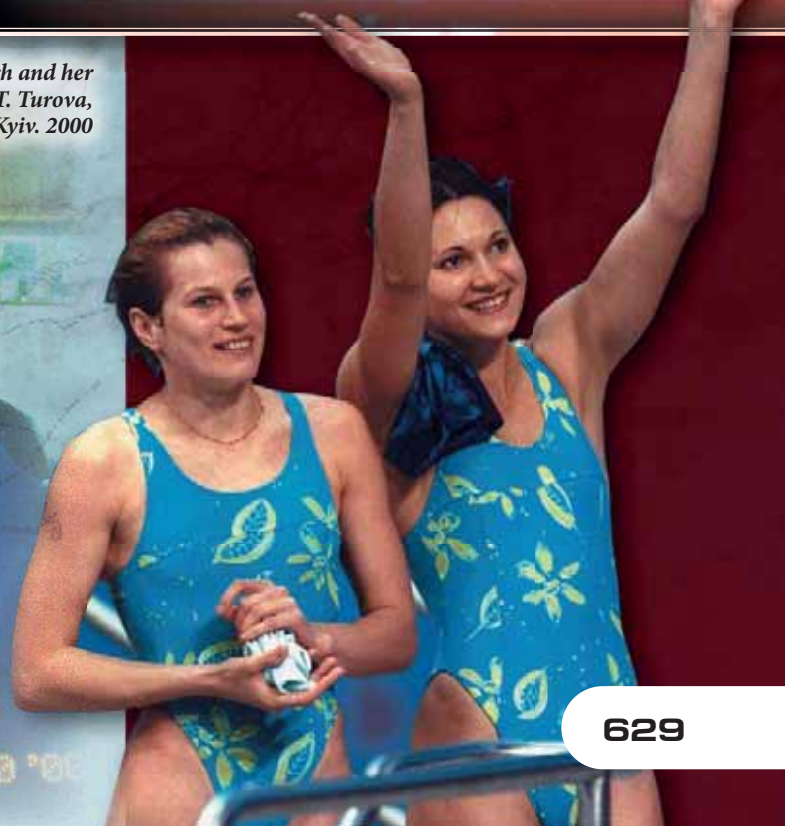
Merited Master of Sports of Ukraine Roman Volod'kov and Anton Zakharov also achieved significant success in diving.

Roman Volod'kov - Merited Master of Sports of Ukraine, the Junior World Diving Champion (1991), the bronze medallist of the World Cup (1995), a three-time bronze medallist of the European Championships in individual diving (1995) and the platform (1999, 2004), the winner of two bronze medals at the World Universiade (1993, 2001), a two-time European champion in synchronised diving (2002, 2004), the silver (2000) and bronze (1995, 1999) winner, the world champion (2001), the silver medallist (2003).



Olena Zhupina and Anna Sorokina - Merited Masters of Sports of Ukraine, bronze medallists of the 2000 Games of the XXVII Olympiad in Sydney

After returning to Ukraine from the 2000 Games of the XXVII Olympiad in Sydney, the coach and her athletes were awarded the state award - the Order of Princess Olga. In the photo (L-R): T. Turova, O. Zhupina, S. Bubka, L. Bubka, A. Sorokina. Kyiv. 2000

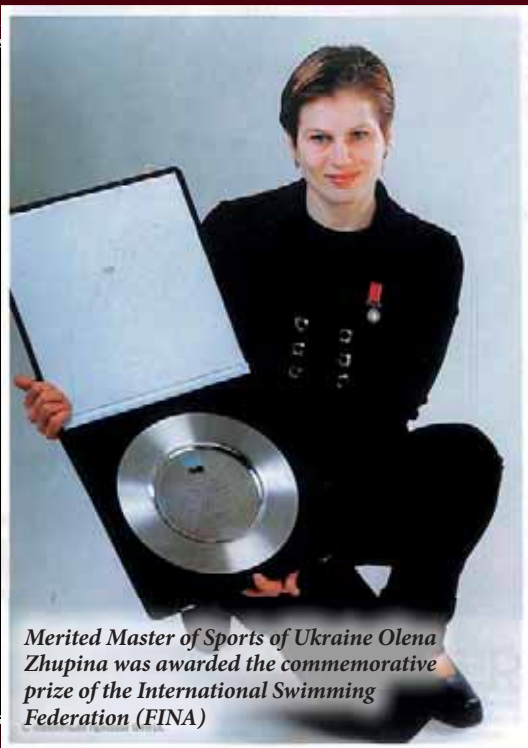




Iryna Zhuravlyova - Merited Coach of Ukraine



Lyubov Barsukova with her apprentices Merited Masters of Sport of Ukraine Anton Zakharov and Roman Volod'kov. Athens. 2004



Merited Master of Sports of Ukraine Olena Zhupina was awarded the commemorative prize of the International Swimming Federation (FINA)

Anton Zakharov - Merited Master of Sports of Ukraine, a two-time champion and silver medallist of the European Junior Championships (2000), a two-time European champion in the synchronised platform (2002, 2004), the bronze medallist of the World Championships (2001), the silver medallist of the World Championships (2003), a four-time winner of the European Champions Cup in the platform, a participant of the Games of the XXVIII and XXIX Olympiads (2004, 2008).

The achievements of nine coaches of Zaporizhia were recognized with the titles of Merited Coaches of Ukraine.

Tetiana Turova, Merited Coach of Ukraine, is the first of the diving coaches to be awarded the title of Merited Worker of Physical Culture and Sports of Ukraine. Even more titled are her athletes Olena Zhupina and Anna Sorokina.

Viktor Poboynov is a Merited Coach of Ukraine. He is the Coach of Anna Sorokina.

Oleksandr Barsukov and Lyubov Barsukova are Merited Coaches of Ukraine. Their most successful apprentices were Roman Volod'kov, Anton Zakharov, the finalist of the 1996 Olympiad Iryna Pisareva and the bronze medallist of the European Championships in platform, the world champion (1998) in synchronised diving (together with Olena Zhupina), Merited Master of Sports of Ukraine.



Members of the Ukrainian Diving National Team. Athens. 2004



Viktoriya Kesar - Master of Sports of Ukraine of International Class



Lyubov Barsukova - Merited Coach of Ukraine with Anton Zakharov



Oleksandr Barsukov - Merited Coach of Ukraine



Volodymyr Svyrydov - Merited Coach of Ukraine

Iryna Zhuravlyova is a Merited Coach of Ukraine. Among her apprentices is the bronze medallist of the European Games Margaryta Dzhusova (2015).

Volodymyr Svyrydov is a Merited Coach of Ukraine, who trained the bronze medallist of the I Youth Olympic Games Viktoriya Potyekhina (2010).

Iryna Zhuravlyova is a Merited Coach of Ukraine; among her apprentices is the European champion in diving from the 3-metre springboard Maksym Dolgov.

Lyubov Skoryna is a Merited Coach of Ukraine; she is Olena Zhupina's first coach.

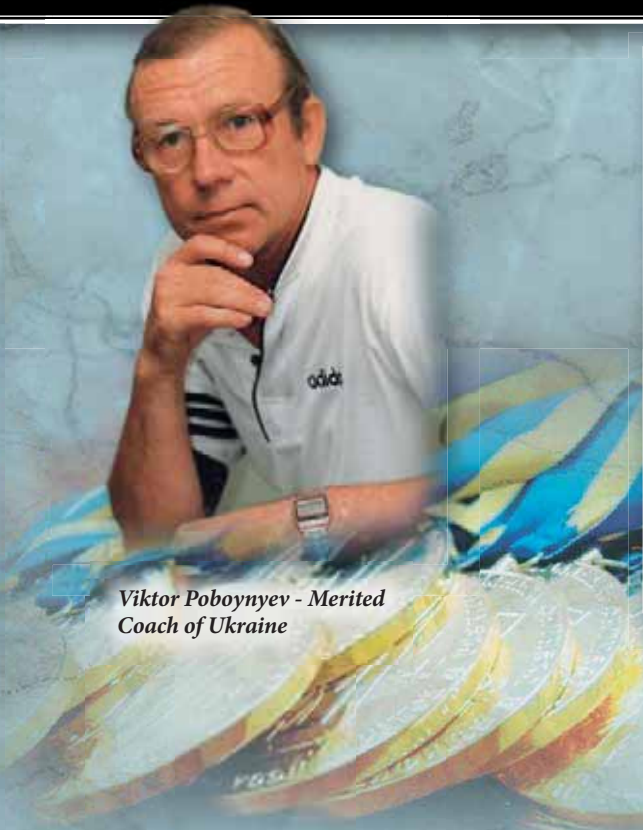
Yevgen Pishkurov is a Merited Coach of Ukraine, who trained Sergiy Gurylyov, a multiple winner of the USSR Championships and a multiple-time champion of Ukraine.

Six Merited Masters of Sports of Ukraine (Olena Zhupina, Anna Sorokina, Svitlana Serbina, Anton Zakharov, Roman Volod'kov, Maksym Dolgov) as well as three Masters of Sports of Ukraine of the International Class (Alina Chaplenko, Viktoriya Kesar, Oleg Serbin) were trained at the Motor Sich Specialized Children's and Youth Sports School of the Olympic Reserve for swimming and diving in the city of Zaporizhia.

Today, the development of diving in Zaporizhia is administered by the Zaporizhia region Non-Governmental Organisation Diving Federation headed by Igor Orlov.



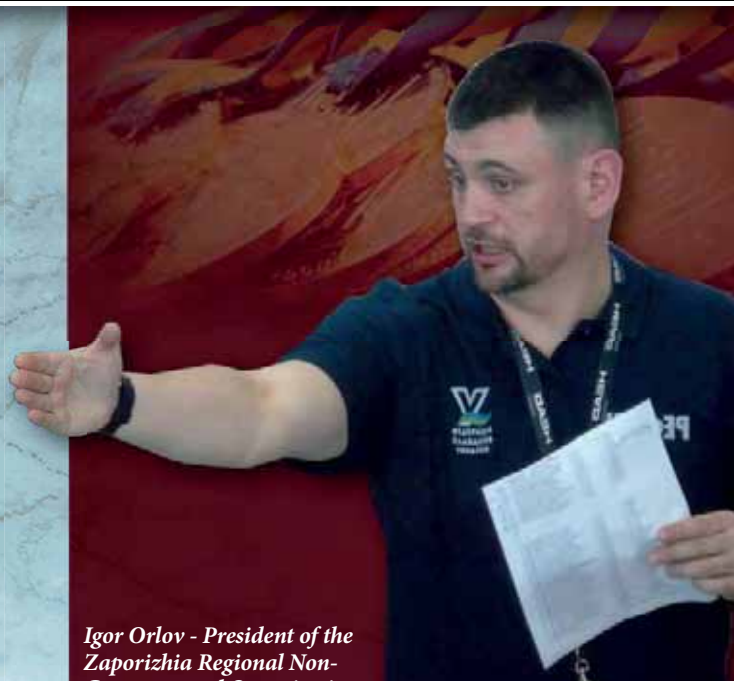
Maksym Dolgov - Merited Master of Sports of Ukraine



Viktor Poboynyev - Merited Coach of Ukraine



Iryna Zhuravlyova - Merited Coach of Ukraine



Igor Orlov - President of the Zaporizhia Regional Non-Governmental Organisation Diving Federation



Iron Water Pool. Lviv. 1940s



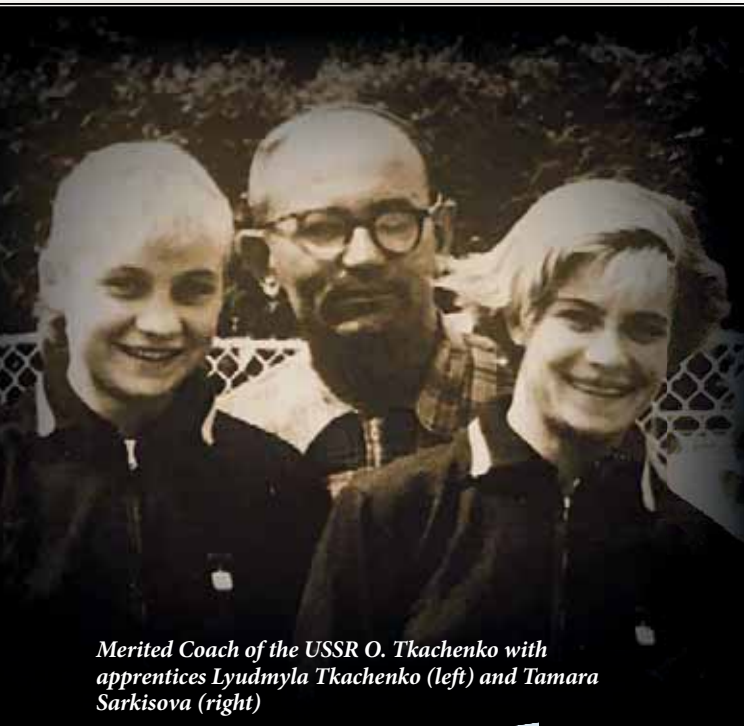
Lviv

Post-war Lviv became one of the most fruitful for athletic activity areas of the Ukrainian SSR. The city was practically not damaged during the World War II, pre-war sports facilities have been preserved. In 1946, there were four outdoor and one indoor swimming pool in Lviv.

The leading professionals in the field of sports were sent from different parts of the country to work in Lviv in the 1950s. Among them were Aram Ter-Hovhannesian (athletics), Vadym Andrievsky (fencing), Petro Sobenko (gymnastics), and others. Among them were the diving professionals Grygoriy Manchesko from Kyiv and Oleksandr Tkachenko from Zaporizhia.

It was O. Tkachenko who became the founder of the school of diving. Merited Masters of Sports of the USSR and Masters of Sports of International Class Roman Brener, Gennadiy Galkin, Oleg Melnykov, Tamara Sarkisova, Tetiana Shtyreva, Mykola Matkovsky, Fedir Volkov, Yaroslav Makogin graduated from this school.

Volodymyr Yefimov became the champion of the Ukrainian SSR in 1953 in platform and springboard. The champions at the Republican Championships in Odesa (1954) were Borys Zelmanovych and Galyna Vasylyshyna from Lviv in the 3-metre springboard; also, the prize-winners of the Championships were Vyacheslav Pinchuk and Olena Barayeva. Siblings Nadiya and Volodymyr Marynyaks became the prize-winners of the Ukrainian Championships (1956–1970), and Volodymyr Maryniak was also the silver medallist of the USSR Championships (1969) in platform.



Merited Coach of the USSR O. Tkachenko with apprentices Lyudmyla Tkachenko (left) and Tamara Sarkisova (right)

Fourteen-year-old Tetiana Shtyreva – the champion of the Ukrainian SSR



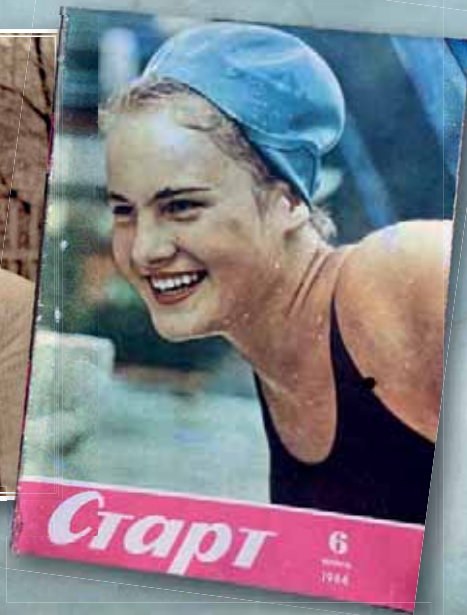
Ukrainian divers at the Ukrainian SSR-Czechoslovakia meet. L-R: Lyubov Asayeva, Nadiya Marynyak, Tetiana Shtyreva



Tetiana Shtyreva - Merited Master of Sports of the USSR



Merited Coach of the USSR, Merited Worker of Physical Culture and Sports Vadym Martynchuk (L-R) and Merited Coach of the USSR Mykhailo Avramenko

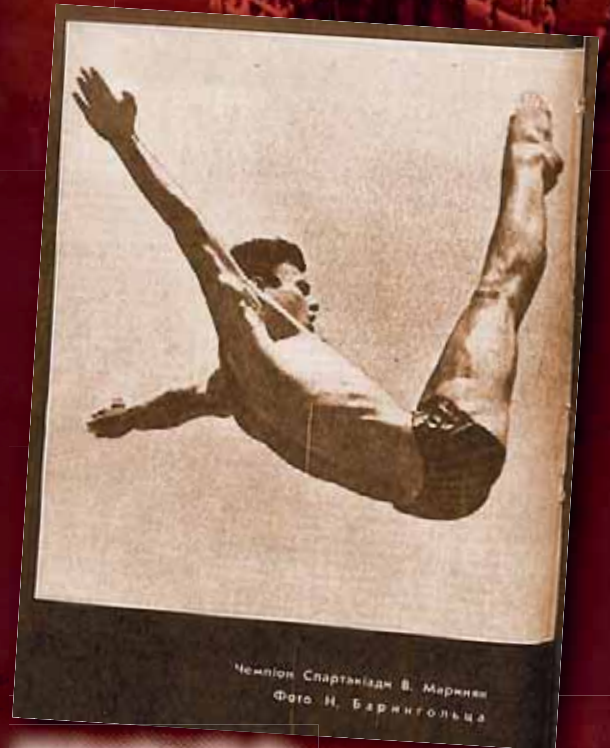


Master of sports of the USSR Valentyna Murashova (Avramenko)

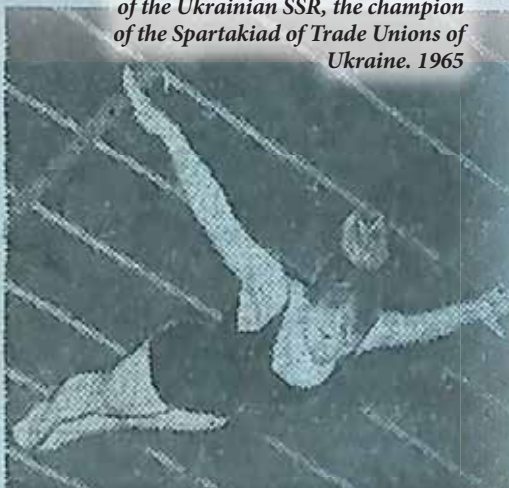


Volodymyr Maryniak - Master of Sports of the Ukrainian SSR, the winner of the Ukrainian Championships in platform. 1968

Nadiya Marynyak - Master of Sports of the Ukrainian SSR, the champion of the Spartakiad of Trade Unions of Ukraine. 1965



Volodymyr Maryniak - the champion of the Spartakiad



Ukrainian divers - participants of all-Union competitions. Leningrad



№ 51, 28 квітня 1966 р.



Getting congratulations Masters of Sports of the USSR of International Class Roman Brener



Participants of the diving Championships of the Ukrainian SSR. Lviv. 1965. Second L-R: M. Ugryumov, then L. Panchenko, L. Asayeva, G. Pidkhalyzina, and others



Meeting of the Ukrainian SSR-Czechoslovakia teams. In the centre: Master of Sports Yuriy Seryogin, Volodymyr Mishyn, Master of Sports Volodymyr Asayev



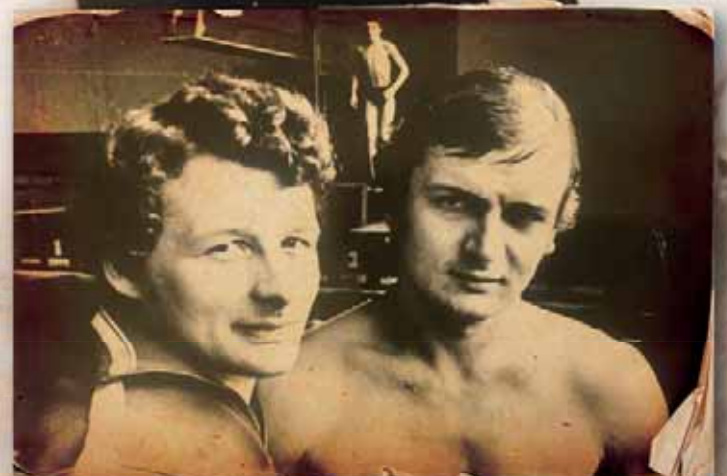
Merited Coach of the USSR Oleg Melnykov and Merited Master of Sports of the USSR Tetiana Shtyryeva



Divers Mykola Matkovsky, Oleksandr Bublyk and Oleg Melnykov



Mykola Matkovsky - Master of Sports of International Class (L-R) with Merited Coach of the USSR O. Melnykov



Masters of Sports of International Class Oleg Melnykov and Mykola Matkovsky



Lviv diving coaches with a representative of the regional branch of the NOC of Ukraine, Professor Oksana Vatsaba



Merited Coach of the USSR Oleg Melnykov and Ulyana Kaviychyk. Lviv

For more than ten years (1956-1970), one of the leaders of the national team of the Ukrainian SSR was Merited Master of Sports of the USSR Oleg Melnykov, who later prepared a group of outstanding divers, for which he was awarded the high title of Merited Coach of the USSR.

Valeriy Sukhanov was leading at the national Championships in the 1970s.

Outstanding success in the 1980s was achieved by O. Tkachenko's apprentice Tetiana Shtyryeva – the silver medallist of the World Championships (1975), the European junior champion (1975), a two-time USSR champion in springboard diving (1969, 1972), a participant of two Games of Olympiads (1972, 1976).

Mykola Matkovsky, a two-time bronze medallist of the European Cup (1973, 1975) and a three-time champion of the USSR (1973, 1975) performed brilliantly at the international and all-Union sports arenas.

Oleksandr Volynkin (1973) and Roman Kucher (1976) became prize-winners of the Cups of the USSR. The winners of the USSR Championships were Sergiy Galperin (1979) and Volodymyr Tkachov (1984, 1985).

Oleksandr Tkachenko, Sergiy Galperin, Roman Kucher, and Svitlana Shumna became multiple champions and prize-winners of the USSR Championships.

The winner of the European Cup (1995), the silver medallist (1997), a participant of the Games of the XXVI Olympiad in 1996 was Yaroslav Makogin.

After 1996, diving in Lviv experienced a significant decline. The restoration of traditions began only in 2014. The Lviv regional Diving Federation is currently headed by Oksana Vatsaba.

"Dynamo" Pool. Lviv



Newly reconstructed swimming pool of the Ministry of Defence of Ukraine

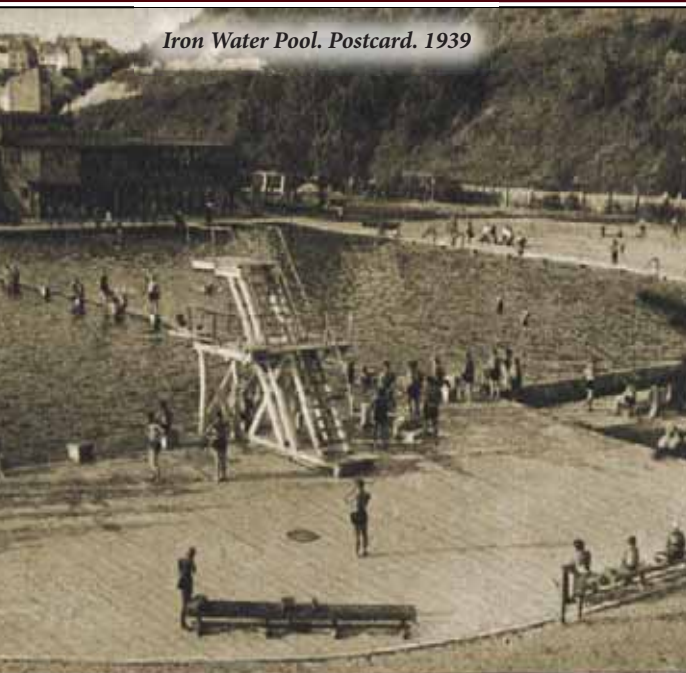


Professor Oksana Vatsaba - President of the Lviv Regional Diving Federation





XIX century building on the Pelchynsky Pond in Lviv, location of a swimming school. 1893



Iron Water Pool. Postcard. 1939

Lwów – Une piscine

Swimming Pools of Lviv

Due to historical, socio-political circumstances, some territories of Western Ukraine (Halychyna, Bukovina, Transcarpathia) developed under the influence of Austria-Hungary, Poland, Romania, and Czechoslovakia in the late nineteenth - early XX century. In accordance with European trends in Western Ukraine, sports complexes, swimming pools, ice arenas, etc. were actively built.

One of the best sports centres of Western Ukraine, including the first aquatic sports facilities of the country, functioned successfully in Lviv. In particular, in 1933–1934, a large open-air pool complex "Iron Water" was built on the site of the ancient pond of Jan Kaminski thanks to a grant from the Labour Fund and the funds of the Lviv citizen Tadeusz Karasiński. Fresh, iron-rich water flowed through the treatment system to the pools from the Snopkivka and Rering springs and was renewed every 8-10 days.

The pool complex included a sports pool measuring 18 x 50 m, the depth of which was 1.70–2.20 m. This pool had seven swimming lanes, a springboard and specially equipped starting places, fenced off with a net. The diving board had three platforms of different heights - 1.5 m, 3.5 m and 5 m. In this part of the basin, the depth reached 4-5 m.

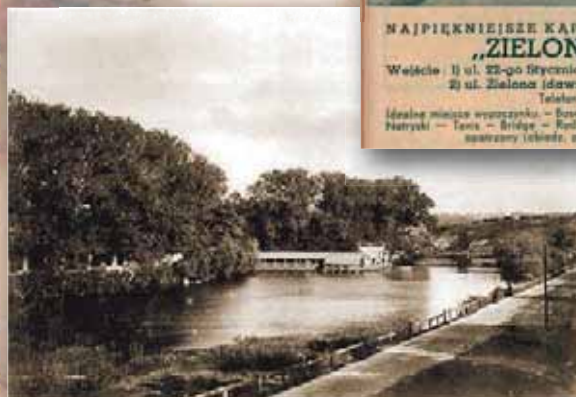
Since 1945, this complex belongs to the regional organisation of FST "Dynamo". Today, it includes five pools, one of which is outdoor, with a depth of

Training sessions in diving at the Iron Water pool



Advertising of the Green Eye swimming pool, 1930s

Pelchynsky Pond - a place of water activities of Lviv residents. 1893





"Dynamo" swimming pool in Lviv in the post-war years

up to 8 m and a 10-metre diving platform. It was in this complex where the glory and pride of diving of Lviv region was formed.

Almost at the same time, another iconic facility opened in Lviv - the Zamarstyniv sports complex.

The Zamarstyniv outdoor swimming pool was built in 1934–1937, mainly with a grant from the Labor Fund and partly from the funds of the citizens of Lviv in the amount of about PLN 370,000. The pool project was designed by engineers Józef Mostowski and Jan Kowalski. The design of the swimming pool was made by engineer Tadeusz Karasiński. Construction works were carried out by Józef Mostowski. The installation of the water pumping station of the basin was performed in January 1935 by the company of Antoni Kunts.

The swimming pool was bottom lined with concrete slabs and consisted of shallow (75 x 60 m) and deep (50 x 25 m) parts. The depth near the springboard reached 5 m.

Four wells with a depth of up to 30 m were drilled near the beach. Their total productivity was approximately 43 m³/h. Special pumps connected to the well pumped water from them to the pool. The inflow of fresh water was approximately 1000 m³ per day; the water in the pool was renewed every eight days. As the inflow of fresh water for ten hours was 430 m³, it was enough to accommodate 2150 visitors.



"Dynamo" swimming pool. Lviv. 1978.

This is what the "Dynamo" pool looked like in 1994

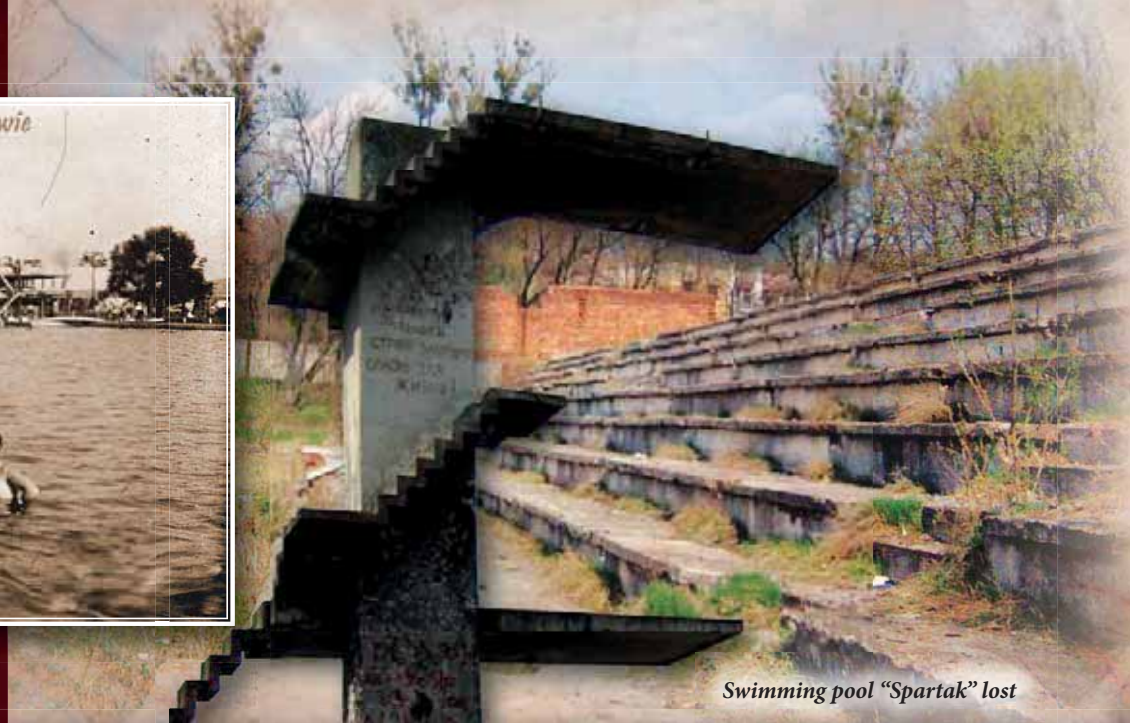


The renovated "Dynamo" pool. Lviv. 2019





Swimming pool "Zamarstyniv". Lviv. 1936



Swimming pool "Spartak" lost



Platform for diving pool "Zamarstyniv". Lviv. 1936

Buildings in the vicinity of the pool, housed on their premises the management of the bathing establishment, changing rooms, showers and a restaurant.

After World War II, the pool was rebuilt and given a new name - educational and sports training facility "Spartak" (now completely demolished, a modern shopping and entertainment centre "Spartak" is being built on this site).

The postwar period, when Western Ukraine became part of the former Ukrainian SSR, two open water pools "Spartak" and "Dynamo" with platforms and springboards, as well as one indoor facility with 3-metre and two 1-metre springboards were active. Diving was cultivated in sports clubs "Dynamo", "Burevisnik", "Avangard"; relevant departments were opened in CYSS № 3 at the Lviv sports boarding school (now Lviv Professional College of Sports) and Lviv State Institute of Physical Culture (now Lviv State University named after Ivan Bobersky).

The selfless work of many coaches began to glorify Lviv and Ukraine bringing up a group of outstanding athletes, including Merited Master of Sports and Master of Sports of International Class. Among them are: Roman Brener, Gennadiy Galkin, Tetiana Shtyрева, Mykola Matkovsky, Fedir Volkov, Yaroslav Makogin. Multiple-time champions of Ukraine Sergiy Galperin, Roman Kucher, Svitlana Shumna.



"Spartak" Swimming Pool. 1948





Lviv swimmers and divers. 1930s

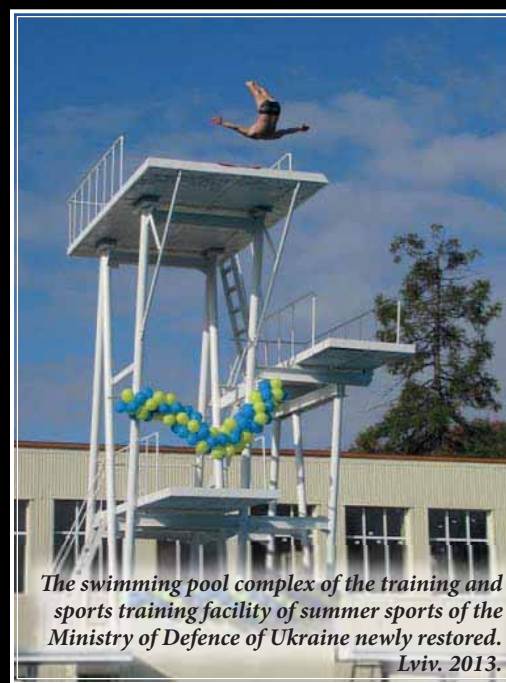


Six coaches from Lviv were awarded the title of Merited Coach of Ukraine: Oleksandr Tkachenko, Leonid Shylo, Mykhailo Avramenko, Oleg Melnykov, Olena Barayeva and Yevgen Yatsyuk.

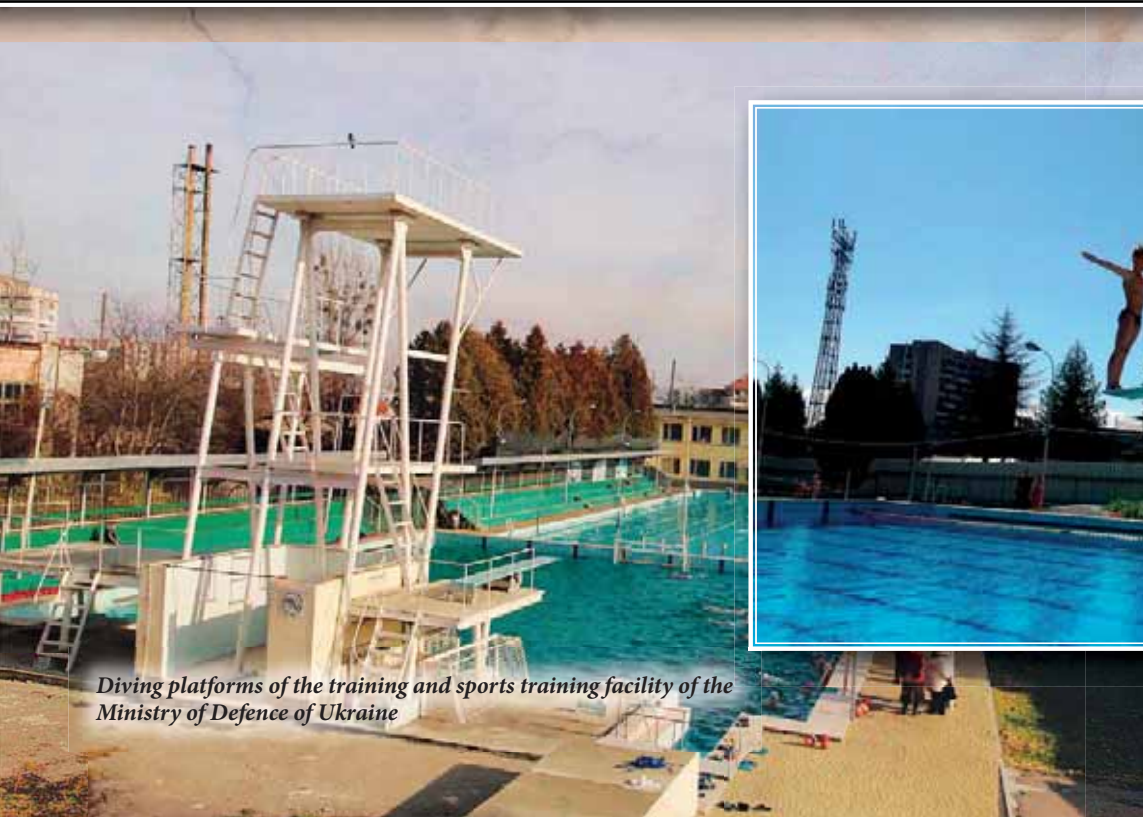
Diving in Lviv declined after 1996; the regional diving federation was suspended; the relevant sports facilities did not function until 2014.

At the end of 2013, with an active assistance of charity funds, the outdoor swimming pool of the Summer Sports Training Centre was reconstructed. In 2014, the Regional diving Federation resumed its activities. Thanks to the efforts of then the Head of the Department of Physical Culture and Sports of the Lviv Regional State Administration Yuriy Maiboroda and the Head of the Lviv Diving Federation Oleksandr Bublyk, a diving department was opened at the Yuriy Kutenko Lviv Junior High School.

Today, the sports school has four coaches: Merited Coach of Ukraine Oleg Melnykov, Dmytro Adamchuk, Ulyana Kaviychyk, O. Chaban and more than 50 young divers. In a short period of time, two champions of Ukraine among girls and boys were prepared: Vira Seredyak (2019) and Matviy Shlomyak (2020). The Army Sports Training centre has already hosted several official diving competitions. The department of diving has also opened on the basis of CYSS "Yantar" in Novoyavorivsk, where the only diving platform of the indoor pool "Start" operates in the Lviv region.



The swimming pool complex of the training and sports training facility of summer sports of the Ministry of Defence of Ukraine newly restored. Lviv. 2013.



Diving platforms of the training and sports training facility of the Ministry of Defence of Ukraine



Junior Diving Championships of Ukraine. Lviv. 2016

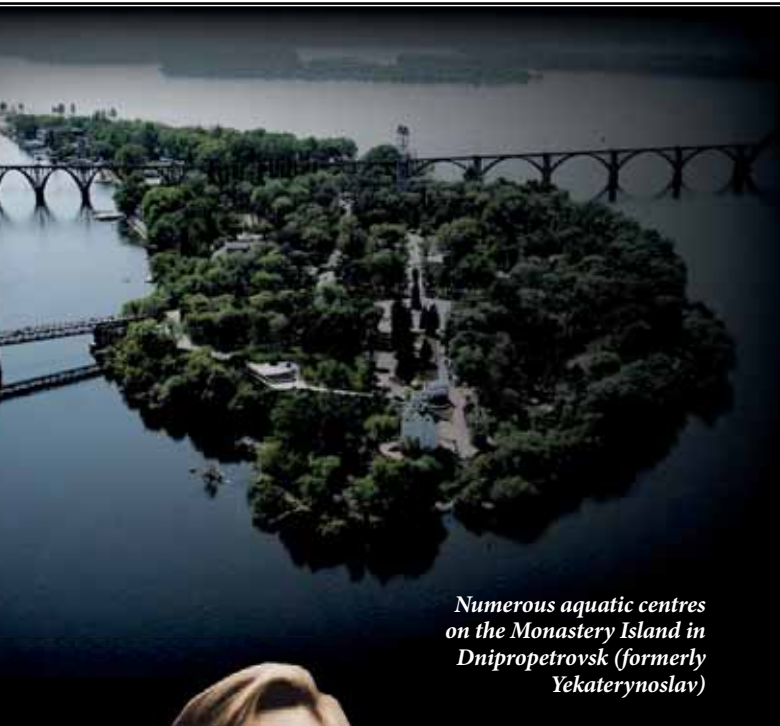


Felix Samsonov - one of the founders of the Dnipropetrovsk school of diving, Merited Coach of the USSR

*Обширний міський район Єкатеринослав.
Vue générale d'Ekaterinoslav.*



*Aquatic centre of the voluntary sports society "Spartak".
Katerynoslav. Early XX century*



*Numerous aquatic centres
on the Monastery Island in
Dnipropetrovsk (formerly
Yekaterinoslav)*

Dnipro

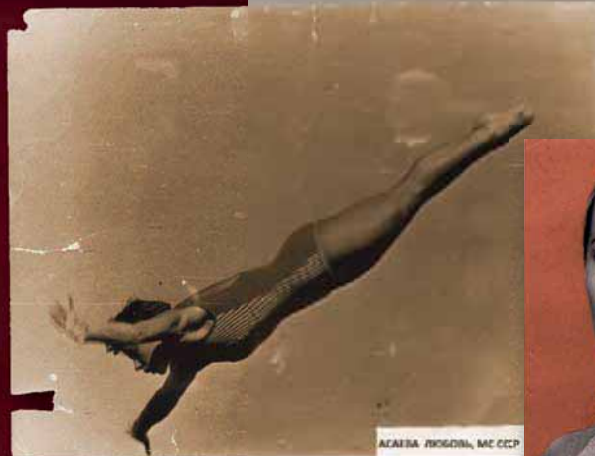
Dnipropetrovsk school of diving dates back to the 1920s, when enthusiasts of this sport mastered the stations on the Dnipro River.

Aquatic stations on the Monastery Island of Dnipropetrovsk were the venue for the training of divers, rowers, and water polo players in summer.

One of such aquatic centres - "Mashinostroitel", which is still the training facility of the Children's and Youth Athletic School of Olympic Reserve for swimming - was built in 1958.

Almost every aquatic centre on the Dnipro River was built on wooden platforms, which allowed hundreds of citizens to master this adventure sport. The diving classes began operating in the late 1950s in the 25-metre pool of the Dnipropetrovsk Industrial College. Well-known athletes, Masters of Sports of the USSR, champions and prize-winners of the USSR Volodymyr Mishyn, Volodymyr Asayev, Vyacheslav Pinchuk, Lyubov Asayeva, Galyna Pidkhaluzina and others who had moved to Dnipropetrovsk from Lviv practiced there.

The spouses Felix Samsonov and Olena Zakuzenna moved to Kyiv from Dnipropetrovsk in 1959. During his years of work in Dnipropetrovsk, Felix Samsonov prepared dozens of Masters of Sports of the USSR. Among



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*Lyubov Asayeva - Master
of Sports of the USSR, a
multiple winner of the USSR
Championships in platform*



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Participants of the all-Ukrainian competitions in diving. L-R: Ludmila Panchenko, Galyna Pidkhalyuzina (fourth left)

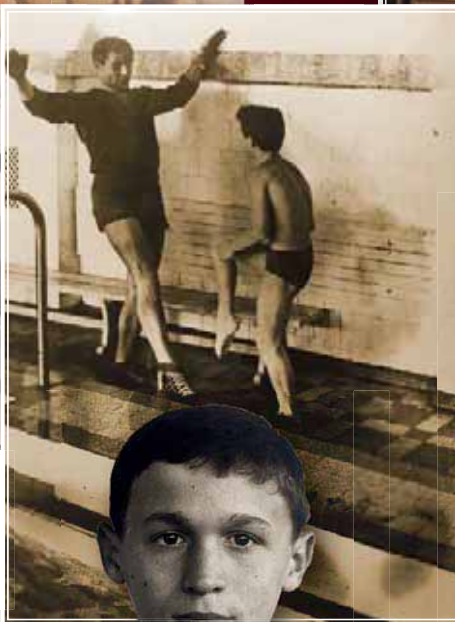


Підхалюзина Галина - тренер, Стародубівський район, 1967 рік (Тришак і Боні)

Galyna Pidkhalyuzina - Master of Sports of the USSR, a multiple champion of the USSR, champion and winner of the Games of Ukraine in diving



Підхалюзина



F. Samsonov with the future champion of USSR and USSR Volodymyr Tregub



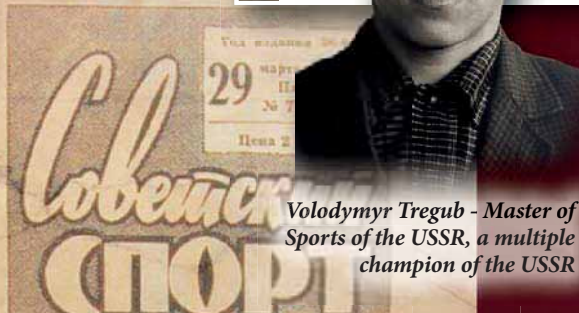
Diving champion of the Republic Galyna Pidkhalyuzina. 1956

Найкраща чемпіонка республіки на воді І. ПІДХАЛЮЗИНА. Фото Н. Бєсикова.



The dive of Lyubov Asayeva

Чемпіонка ЦР «Авангард» зі стрибків у воду з триметрового трампліна Л. АСАЄВА. Фото В. НАУМЕНКА.



Volodymyr Tregub - Master of Sports of the USSR, a multiple champion of the USSR

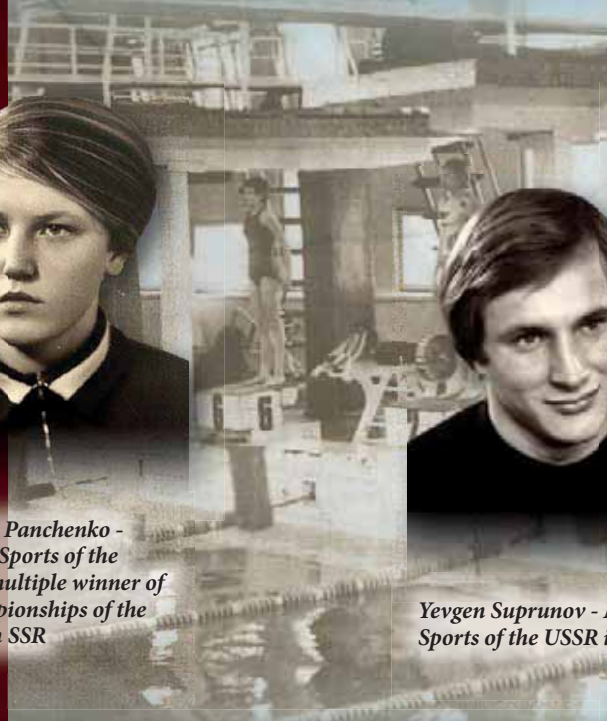


Volodymyr Tregub (SC "Meteor" Dnipropetrovsk) - the USSR champion in 1974 in diving from the 1-metre springboard

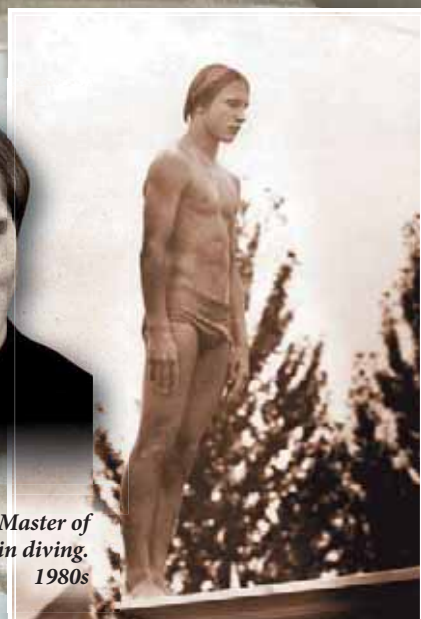




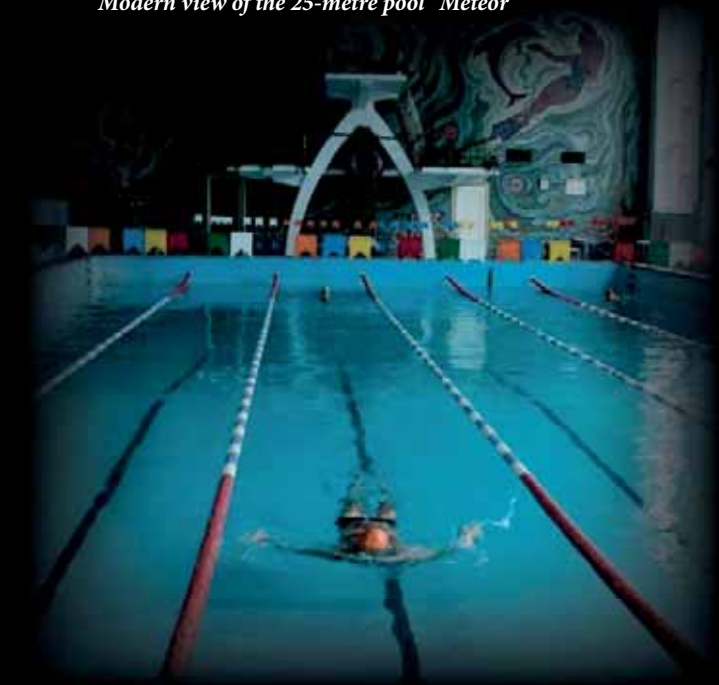
Lyudmyla Panchenko - Master of Sports of the USSR, a multiple winner of the Championships of the Ukrainian SSR



Yevgen Suprunov - Master of Sports of the USSR in diving, 1980s



Modern view of the 25-metre pool "Meteor"



his athletes were Galyna Pidkhalyuzina, Lyubov Asayeva, Iryna Fonaryova (Semernina), Lyudmyla Panchenko, Volodymyr Asayev, Volodymyr and Oleksandr Tregub, Volodymyr Mishyn, Leonid Kochenkov, and others.

F. Samsonov's best apprentices include twin brothers Volodymyr and Oleksandr Tregub, multiple champions and prize-winners of the Ukrainian SSR; and in 1974, Volodymyr Tregub became the USSR champion in the 1-metre springboard.

For his fruitful work Felix Leonidovich Samsonov was awarded the title of Merited Coach of the USSR.

The apprentice of F. Samsonov, Candidate for Master of Sports, Merited Coach of Ukraine Leonid Kochenkov became the successor of the glorious traditions of the Dnipropetrovsk school of diving. His best athletes were Masters of Sports of the USSR Gennadiy Minov and Oleg Vyshyvanov, who were part of the national teams of the USSR, multiple-time champions and prize-winners of the USSR.

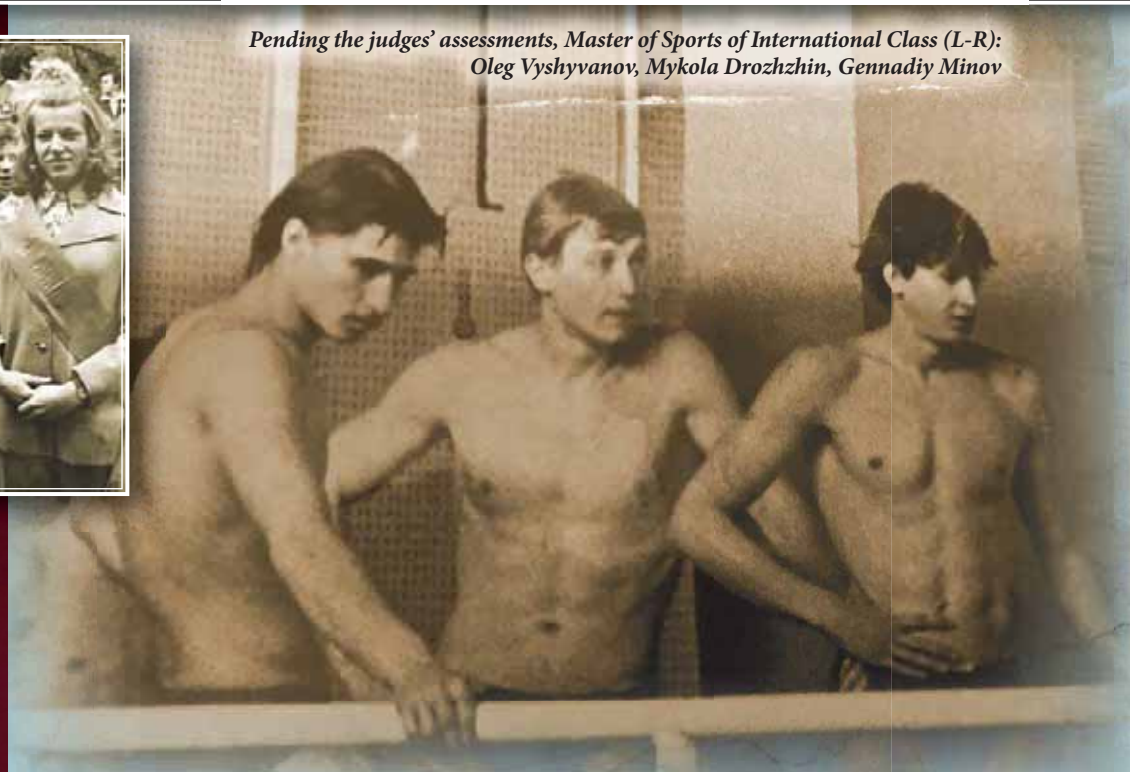
L. Kochenkov's apprentices, Masters of Sports V. Chernychenko, S. Savchuk, Nataliya Huk (Peleshuk), D. Ostapenko, T. Ulyanchenko, A. Nekhanovych, F. Oleksienko successfully performed at competitions of the Republican level.

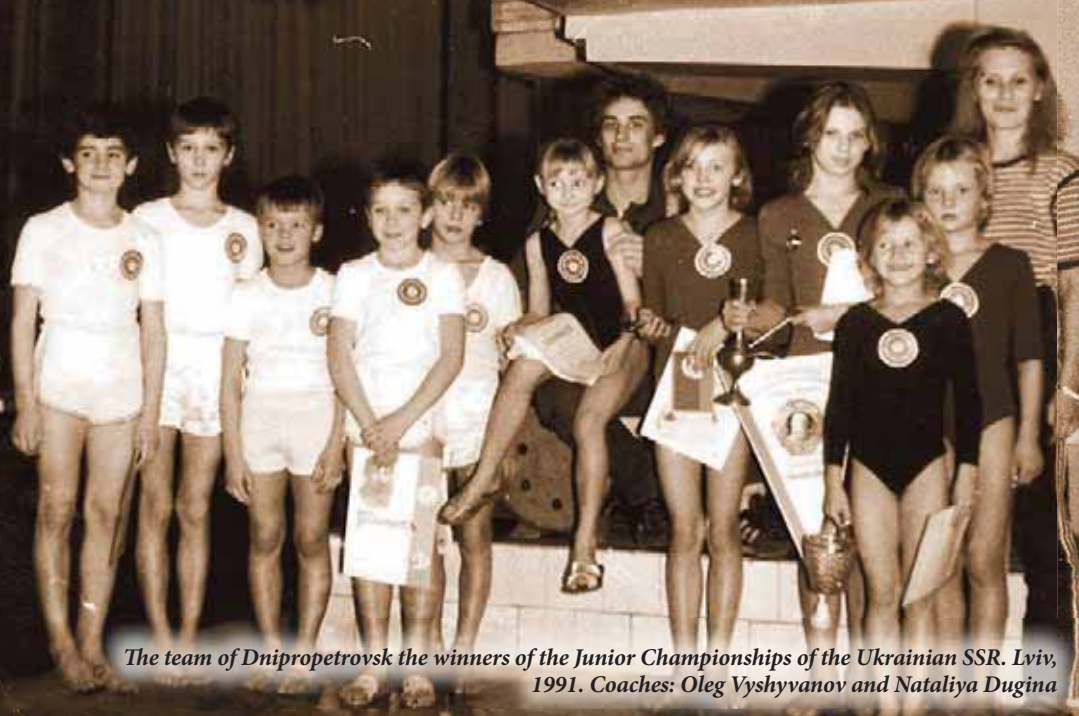
In 1990s, a whole group of talented athletes was prepared by young coaches Oleg Vyshyvanov and Nataliya Dugina. Their athletes successfully performed at all-Union and Republican events. In 1991, Master of Sports of the USSR Larysa

Pending the judges' assessments, Master of Sports of International Class (L-R): Oleg Vyshyvanov, Mykola Drozhzhin, Gennadiy Minov

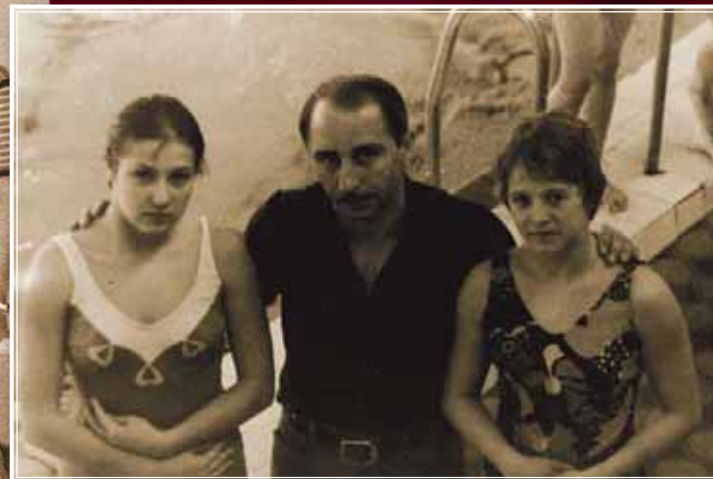


Participants in the parade in honour of the anniversary of the Great October Socialist Revolution. L-R: Master of Sports Volodymyr and Oleksandr Tregub, fifth - Iryna Fonaryova, Lyudmyla Panchenko (right)





The team of Dnipropetrovsk the winners of the Junior Championships of the Ukrainian SSR. Lviv, 1991. Coaches: Oleg Vyshyvanov and Nataliya Dugina



Young divers Iryna Fonaryova (L-R) and Nataliya Demchyshyna with their coach A. Jericho - a four-time USSR champion in acrobatics. Dnipropetrovsk, SC "Meteor"

Tsarenko became the silver medallist of the USSR Junior Championships for the prizes of the "Komsomolskaya Pravda" newspaper. And the team of Dnipropetrovsk divers under the leadership of these coaches won the Junior Championships of the Ukrainian SSR, which took place in Lviv in 1991.

The Children's and Youth Athletic School of Olympic Reserve began operating in 1970 with the opening of the Palace of Aquatic sports "Meteor". It was rightly considered one of the best in the USSR. Merited Coach of the RSFSR Vladimir Petrovich Abisov worked there for several years. He prepared the first diving Master of Sports of the USSR, the European and World Championships prize-winner Gennadiy Starodubtsev.

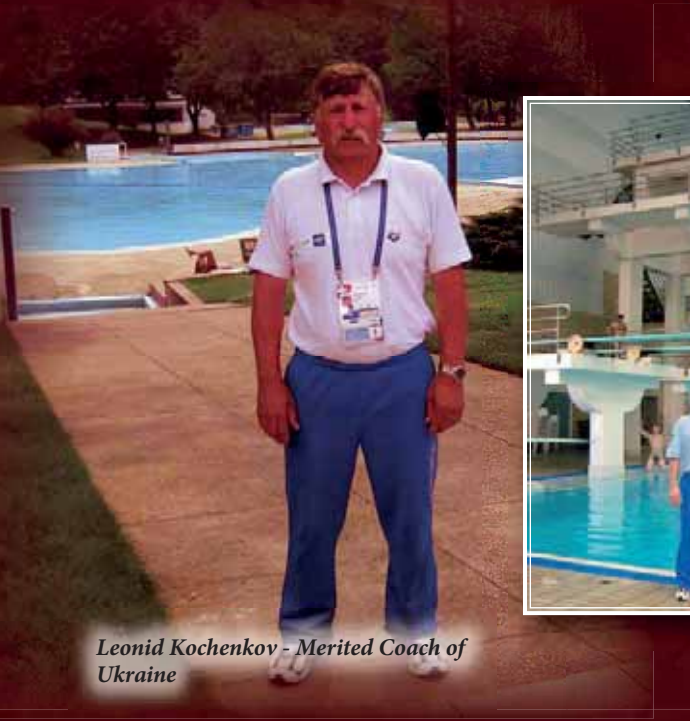
The Palace of Aquatic sports "Meteor" as part of the sports complex of the State Enterprise "Production Association Southern Machine-Building Plant named after O. Makarov" received the status of the National Training Centre of Olympic and Paralympic training in 2001.

Today, the City Complex has a Children's and Youth Athletic School of Olympic Reserve (with a diving department), and the Olympic Training Centre operates at the Palace of Aquatic sports "Meteor". Merited Coach of Ukraine Leonid Kochenkov is the Senior Coach of the team of Dnipropetrovsk region. His apprentice Yuriy Shlyakhov is the most titled diver of the Dnipropetrovsk region - Master of Sports of Ukraine of International Class, member of the national team of Ukraine (1998-2010), a multiple champion of Ukraine, a five-time champion of European

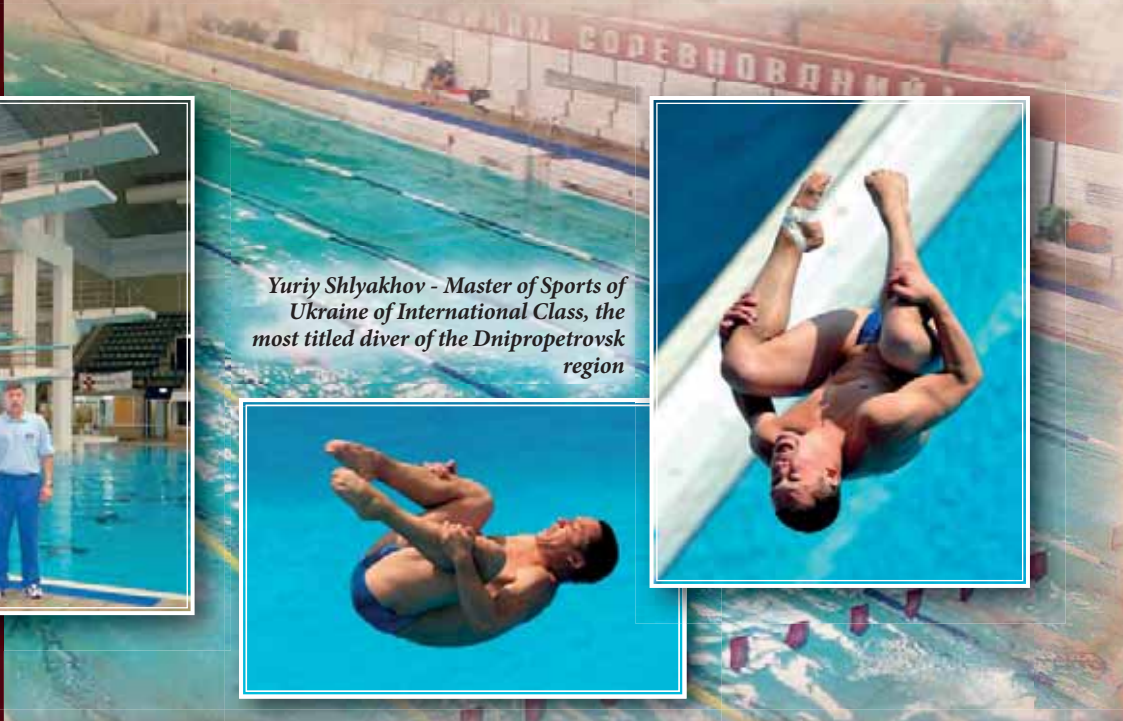
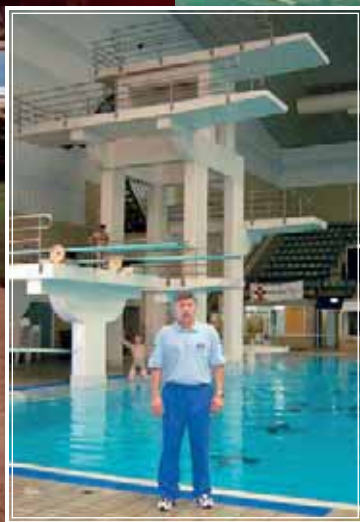


Beginner coach Oleg Vyshyvanov with apprentices





Leonid Kochenkov - Merited Coach of Ukraine



Yuriy Shlyakhov - Master of Sports of Ukraine of International Class, the most titled diver of the Dnipropetrovsk region



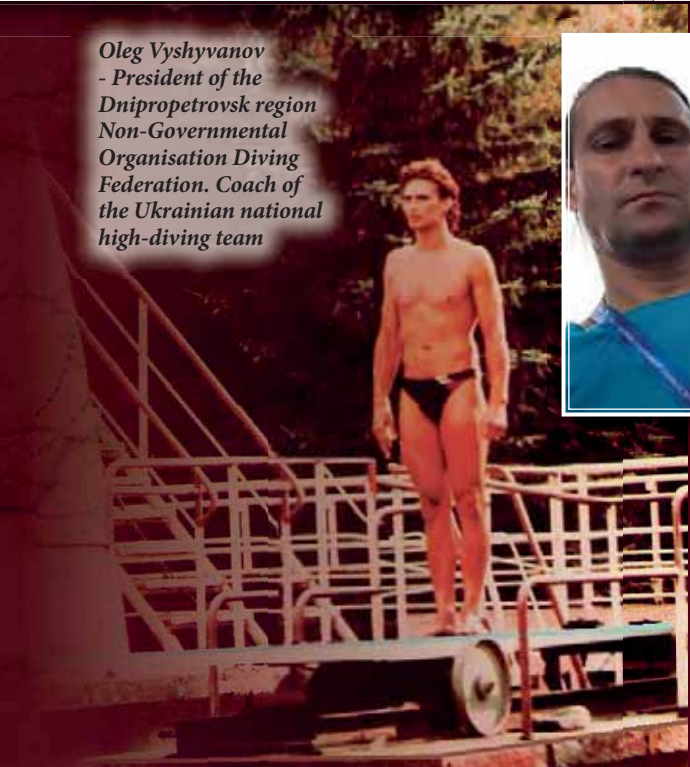
Gennadiy Minov - Master of Sports of Ukraine of International Class

Championships, the winner of the European Synchronised Cup (2001, 2005), the bronze medallist of the World Universiade (2007, 2009), the bronze medallist of the European Championships, a participant of two Games of Olympiads (2004, 2008).

The team of coaches includes Master of Sports of the USSR Iryna Semernina (nee Fonaryova), Nataliya Peleshchuk, Andriy Bytsenko. In 2016, athletes of the Dnipropetrovsk school Mykyta Shumak and Sergiy Galychenko became the silver medallists of the Ukrainian Championships in synchronised diving from the 10-metre platform. Mykyta Shumak also became the champion of Ukraine in 2017 in synchronised platform together with Luhans'k athlete Mykyta Kryvopyshyn.

Yelyzaveta Lytvynenko (2015–2016), Sergiy Kuryanovych (2015–2016), Sergiy Galychenko (2015–2016) became the champions and prize-winners of the Ukrainian Championships in their age groups.

Today the development of diving in Dnipro is regulated by the Dnipropetrovsk region Non-Governmental Organisation Diving Federation and its President Oleg Vyshyvanov.



Oleg Vyshyvanov - President of the Dnipropetrovsk region Non-Governmental Organisation Diving Federation. Coach of the Ukrainian national high-diving team



Palace of Aquatic sports "Meteor" became the National training facility of Olympic and Paralympic training in 2001



Pool "Dolphin" of the Palace of Aquatic sports in Pokrov



Olga Merkulova - the director of Children's and Youth Complex Athletic School of Olympic Reserve "Manganit"

Pokrov

The diving department in Ordzhonikidze (now Pokrov) in the Dnipropetrovsk region was initiated in 1981 at the Dolphin swimming pool of the Ordzhonikidze Mining and Processing Plant. Its first diving coach was Oleksandr Yeriomin. Two years later, Valentyn Tochonykh joined the team. The two coaches prepared seven Masters of Sports of the USSR in seven years. The first Masters of Sports were Olena Patserina, Galyna Torchutkina, Tetiana Voloshko, Olga Bilozyorova.

After retiring from competitive diving in the 1990s, Olena Patserina and Olga Bilozyorova also began coaching. O. Patserina prepared four Masters of Sports of Ukraine; among them are Mykhailo Moskvychov, Yevgenia Lomakina, Lilia Kopylets, and Illya Patserin. From 2004 to 2015, Patserina was the Director of the Manganit Children's and Youth Sports School - the primary organisation of the trade union of metallurgists and miners of Ukraine Ordzhonikidze Mining and Processing Plant with a diving

department. Today she is the Head Coach and an International Diving Judge.

Currently a team of five coaches - O. Merkulova, E. Patserina, O. Bilozyorova, A. Yanchenko, and V. Tkachenko - dedicate their time to preparing young divers. Athletes Mykhailo Moskvychov, Yevgeniya Lomakina, Liliya Kopylets, Illya Patserin, Oleksiy Rozdobudko, and Yegor Atrashchenko became the champions of Ukraine. The winners of the all-Ukrainian Competitions were Kateryna Seredych, Maria and Oleksandra Kolesnyks, Anastasiya Shevchuk, Anastasiya Trapeznikova, Nelli Chukanivska.

With the support of OMPP, additional training equipment was provided to aid the athletes of the National Team of Ukraine in preparation for the Olympic Games in 2012.

Today, the school is headed by Olga Merkulova. Olga Bilozyorova is the Senior Coach of the Diving Department at the Manganit Junior High School.



Senior coach of the diving department of CYSS, Master of Sports Olga Bilozyorova



Athletes of CYSS "Manganit" are preparing for the New Year's celebration



Olena Patserina - judge of the International Category

Diving centre - the Mykolaiv Yacht Club. Mykolaiv. Early XX century



Opening of a Yacht Club in Mykolaiv. 1889

Mykolaiv

Picturesque nature and rich water resources of Mykolaiv enhanced the development of aquatic sports since the end of the XIX century.

In the first years of the Soviet rule before the World War II and in the first postwar years, Mykolaiv was not only a training centre for divers but also hosted many competitions of both National and all-Union importance.

This city gave a start to many prominent Ukrainian athletes, among them were the famous Grygoriy Manchesko and Oleksandra Nekrasova.

Thousands of girls and boys were involved in swimming, diving, rowing, and water polo at the city's Children's and Youth Sports Schools in the 1950s.

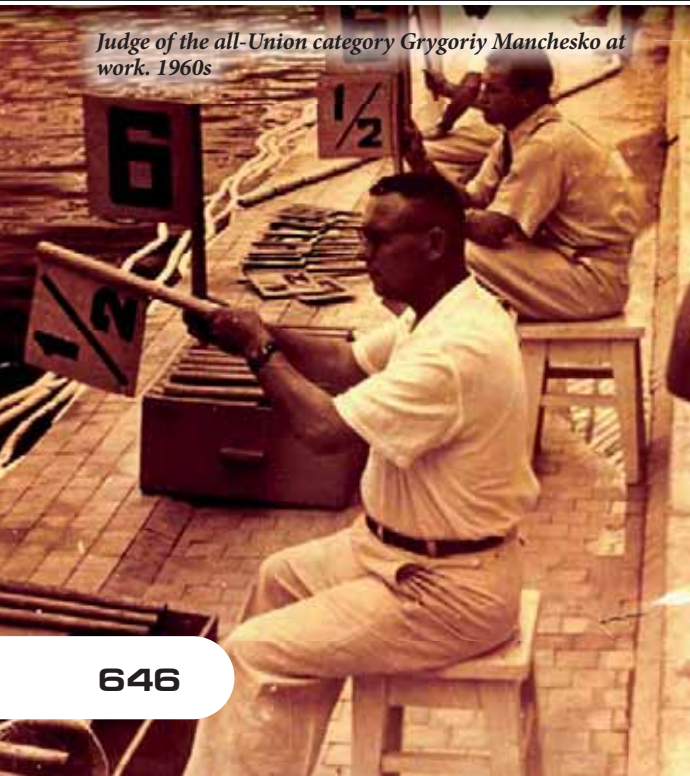
During the 1960s and 1990s, diving as a competitive sport did not develop, due to the lack of swimming pools equipped for diving in the city.

The new history of diving commenced in 1997, when a new sports complex "Aquarius" hospitably opened its doors to visitors. The initiator of the opening of the diving classes was the director of the complex P. Plotnikov, who also began his coaching career there. Among his first successful apprentices is a Merited Master of Sports of Ukraine Olena Fedorova.

The Children's and Youth Sports School "Ukraine", which included diving, swimming, and synchronised swimming was opened in Mykolaiv in 1997. It currently prepares a reserve for the national teams of Ukraine. The practice is currently carried out at the sports complex of the "Aquarius" swimming pools.



Judge of the all-Union category Grygoriy Manchesko at work. 1960s



Ukrainian divers during national competitions in Mykolaiv

The team of divers at the opening parade of the all-Union competition is represented by G. Manchesko



Platform of the Mykolaiv Yacht Club

Over the years, the school has prepared three Merited Masters of Sports of Ukraine, six Masters of Sports of Ukraine of International Class, 48 Masters of Sports of Ukraine in diving.

The most famous athletes of the Mykolaiv school of diving are the bronze prize-winner of the Olympics Illya Kvasha and the youngest European champion Oleksiy Sereda, Merited Masters of Sports of Ukraine Khrystyna Ishchenko, Olena Fedorova, and Oleg Kolodiy, Masters of Sports of Ukraine of the International Class Kostiantyn Milyaev, Alevtyna Korolyova.

Illya Kvasha is a Merited Master of Sports of Ukraine, bronze medallist of the 2008 Games of the XXIX Olympiad in synchronised diving with Oleksiy Prygorov, a two-time silver (2006, 2013) and bronze (2017) prize-winner of the World Championships, a nine-time European champion, 2009 (2), 2010 (2), 2012, 2013, 2016, 2017), a five-time silver medallist (2008, 2011, 2015, 2017 (2)), a two-time bronze medallist (2012, 2015)), a 40-time champion of Ukraine.

Oleg Kolodiy is a Merited Master of Sports of Ukraine, the European champion in team competitions (2018), the bronze medallist of the World Championships (2017), a two-time silver (2017, 2019) and a three-time bronze (2013, 2015, 2017) prize-winner of the European Championships, a multiple-time winner of the Ukrainian Championships.

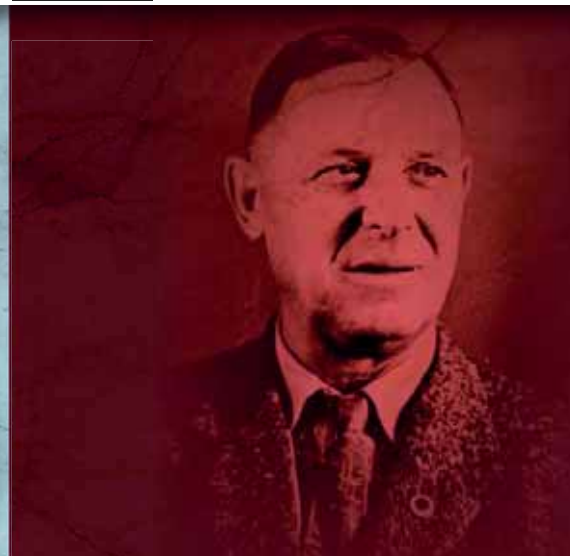
Khrystyna Ishchenko is a Merited Master of Sports of Ukraine, a multiple European Champion and the World Junior Champion, the bronze medallist of the World Championships (2005), the bronze medallist of the European Championships (2004-2006), 15-time champion of Ukraine.



Oleksandra Nekrasova - the best diver of the Ukrainian SSR of the 1950s - began her career in Mykolaiv



A native of Mykolaiv, one of the best pre-war Ukrainian divers Grygoriy Manchesko



G. Manchesko developed the first in the country curriculum for training professional coaches in diving in 1954

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Leading divers of Ukraine, Merited Masters of Sports of Ukraine Illya Kvasha, Khrystyna Ishchenko, Olena Fedorova, and Master of Sports of the International Class Kostiantyn Milyaev with their Coach T.Y. Maryanko



«Aquarius» pool

Olena Fedorova is a Merited Master of Sports of Ukraine, a participant of four Games of Olympiads (2004, 2008, 2012, 2016), the bronze medallist of the World Championships (2005), a 17-time winner of the European Championships (2004-2015), a 68-time winner of the Ukrainian Championships.

Kostiantyn Milyaev is Master of Sports of Ukraine of International Class, the bronze medallist of the European Championships, the winner of the World Universiade (2010), a multiple winner and winner of the Ukrainian Championships.

Alevtyna Korolyova is Master of Sports of Ukraine of International Class, the bronze medallist of the European Championships, the winner of the European Champions Cup (2007), a multiple prize-winner and Champion of Ukraine.

Diana Shelestyuk is Master of Sports of Ukraine of International Class, a two-time bronze medallist of the European Games (2015), the European champion (2012), the silver (2013) and bronze (2014) winner of the European Championships, a multiple winner and champion of Ukraine.

The winners and prize-winners of the Championships of Ukraine, who became Masters of Sports, are the representatives of the Mykolaiv school of diving: Iryna Semenova, Oleksandr Pidgorny, Olena Sydoruk, Viktoriya Khytrynska, Olena Sizichenko, Anastasiya Vasilenok, Yuliya Gospodarova, Mykyta Kryvopyshyn, Andriy Telebzda, Dmytro Groza, Anton Rulyos, Anton Antoniv, Danylo Konovalov, Bogdan Chyzhovskyy.



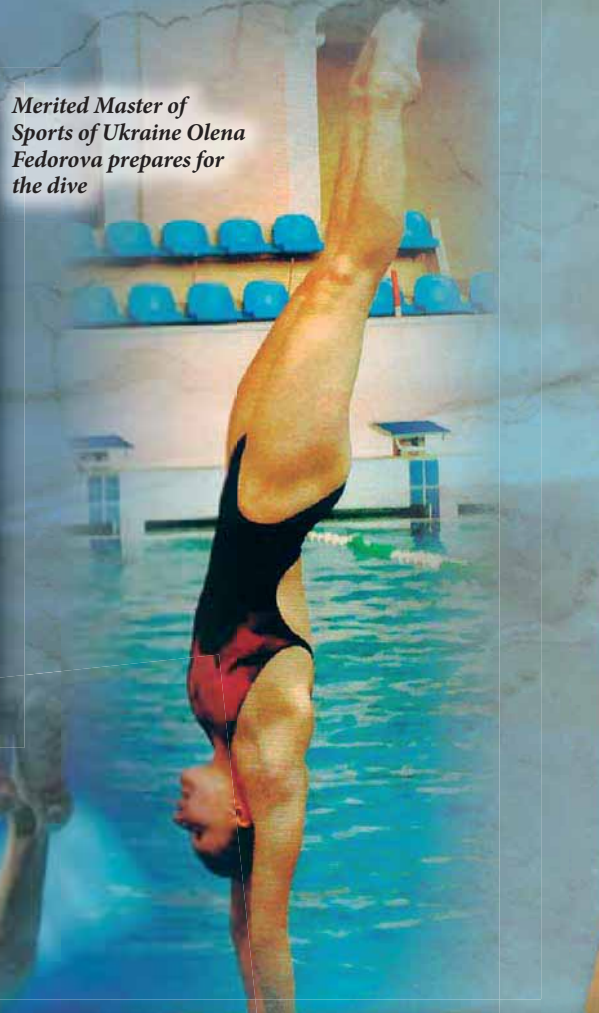
Olena Fedorova (from the right) – the bronze medallist of the European Championships. Eindhoven. 2008

Illya Kvasha and Oleksiy Prygorov (from right) – the bronze medallists of the 2008 Games of the XXIX Olympiad in Beijing in synchronised springboard diving





Merited Master of Sports of Ukraine Olena Fedorova prepares for the dive



Illya Kvasha and Oleg Kolodiy with their coach T. Maryanko (left) and L. Afanasyeva (right) at the European Championships 2017 Kyiv



Olena Fedorova and Anna Pysmenska with their coaches T. Maryanko (left) and T. Tokmachova (right). European Championships 2013 Rostock



Merited Coach of Ukraine Tetiana Maryanko of Merited Master of Sports of Ukraine Illya Kvasha





Olena Fedorova - Merited Master of Sports of Ukraine, a participant of four Games of Olympiads (2004, 2008, 2012, 2016)



Silver medallists of the World Championships Olena Fedorova (L-R) and Anna Pysmenska. Shenzhen. 2011

Olena Fedorova and Merited Coach of Ukraine S. Gumenyuk. Shenzhen. 2011



Five Merited Coaches of Ukraine work at the Mykolaiv school: T. Maryanko, S. Gumenyuk, Y. Osypchuk, L. Afanasyeva, T. Pogrebna.

Tetiana Maryanko is a Merited Coach of Ukraine, Merited Worker of Physical Culture and Sports of Ukraine, Coach of the national team of Ukraine. She has prepared three Merited Masters of Sports of Ukraine (H. Ishchenko, O. Fedorova, I. Kvasha), seven Masters of Sports of Ukraine of International Class, 15 Masters of Sports of Ukraine.

Yuriy Osypchuk is a Merited Coach of Ukraine, Head Coach of the national team of Ukraine in diving (1993–2005), executive director of the Ukrainian Diving Federation (2005–2008).

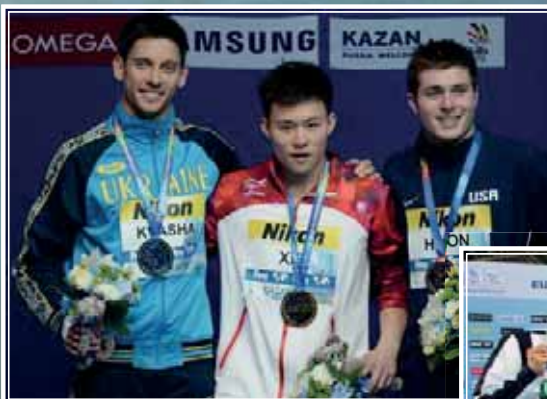
Larysa Afanasyeva is a Merited Coach of Ukraine in diving, moved from Mykolaiv to Luhans'k.

Tetiana Pogrebna is a Merited Coach of Ukraine in diving, moved from Mykolaiv to Luhans'k.

The work of these coaches as well as mentors V. Vepryk, E. Bezrukova, L. Fumelyova, O. Zhayvoronok, N. Kozubenko with the talented youth of Mykolaiv gives us reason to hope for further success of the Ukrainian divers in the international arena.

The development of diving in the region is the responsibility of the Mykolaiv region Non-Governmental Organisation Diving Federation headed by Merited Coach of Ukraine on diving Sergiy Gumenyuk.

On the podium are the Ukrainian divers Alevtyna Korolyova and Olena Fedorova. Eindhoven. 2008



Illya Kvasha - the silver medallist of the World Championships. Kazan. 2015



Ukrainian divers on the podium. Eindhoven. 2012





Winners of the European Youth Championships 2018 Bogdan Chyzovsky and Danylo Konovalov with their coaches O.B. Bezrukova V.F. Vepryk



Ukrainian divers - participants and winners of the World Universiade, Belgrade, 2009



Kostiantyn Milyaev - Master of Sports of Ukraine of International Class



Diana Shelestyuk - Master of Sports of Ukraine of International Class, a two-time bronze medallist of the I European Games, Baku, 2015



Demonstration performances of divers Children's and Youth Athletic School of Olympic Reserve, "Aquarius"



Ukrainian divers - participants of the World Universiade and S. Gumenyuk (centre), Shenzhen, 2011



President of the Mykolaiv region Non-Governmental Organisation Diving Federation Sergiy Gumenyuk



Master of Sports of the USSR Tetiana Syrotenko, Alla Zamkova, and Inga Zaginey tragically died in a plane crash near Zhdanov in 1977



Swimming pool "Neptune" became the training centre for divers in Zhdanov



Awards presented by Mstyslav Pasevyyev - founder of the diving school in Zhdanov

Mariupol

In 1970 in Zhdanov (now Mariupol), the department of diving began operating simultaneously with the opening of the "Neptune" swimming pool. The first coach in Zhdanov was the legendary Mstyslav Pasevyyev, who prepared the first Master of Sports, the winner of the Championships of the Ukrainian SSR Ivan Lima and the winner of the Championships of the Republic, winner of the USSR Championships Tetiana Syrotenko.

Tamara Parkhomenko, who worked along with M. Pasevyyev, prepared the silver medallist of the USSR Championships Alla Zamkova and the winner of the Ukrainian SSR Championships Inga Zaginey.

All three talented Ukrainian divers - Tetiana Syrotenko, Alla Zamkova and Inga Zaginey - died tragically in 1977 as a result of a plane crash near Zhdanov.

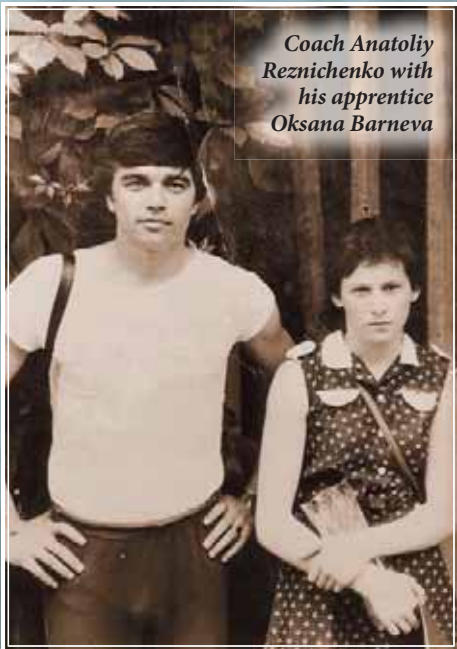
A team of coaches Y. Putigin, K. Melnyk, and acrobatics coach A. Ovsyannikov started working in 1972. In the following years, they managed to prepare the winner of the USSR Cup (1980), the winner of the "Friendship" tournament of the socialist countries (1978), multiple champion of Ukraine (1977-1981), winner of the USSR Championships (1982-1983) Master of Sports of International Class Igor Koshman.

The coaching team consisting of the Master of Sports of the International Class Yuriy Artamonov and Anatoliy Reznichenko worked quite successfully to train the silver medallist of the USSR Championships (1987) Oksana Barneva, the winner of

Young coach Yuriy Artamonov with apprentices. Champion of the Ukrainian SSR, silver medallist of the USSR Championships (1987) Oksana Barneva (from the right)



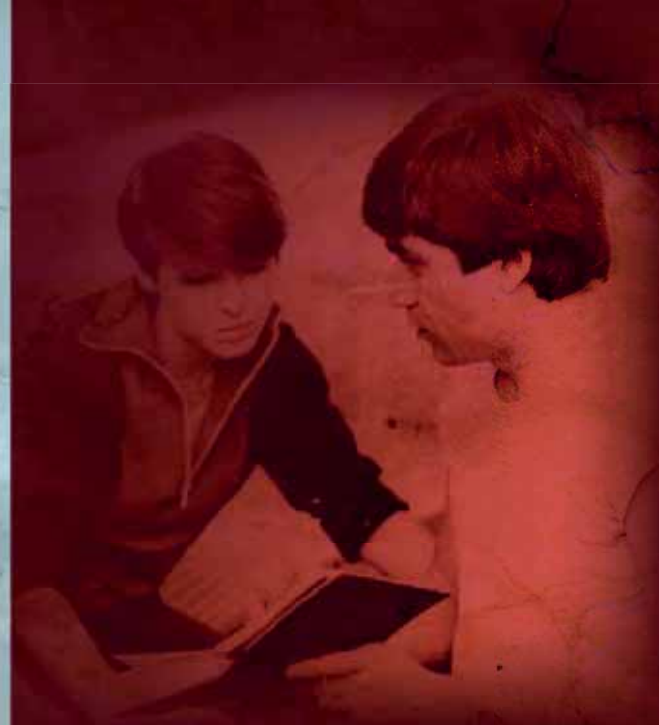
Group of young divers with their coaches Yuriy Artamonov (centre of the first row) Anatoliy Reznichenko (right in the third row). Zhdanov



Coach Anatoliy Reznichenko with his apprentice Oksana Barneva



Oksana Barneva



the USSR Youth Championships Alina Lysova, the silver medallist of the European Championships Oleg Andriyuk. Y. Artamonov's student, 14-year-old Ukrainian diver Oleg Andriyuk, became the first in the world to dive four and a half turns from a platform in 1986 at the USSR Championships. Only in the following year, a dive of such difficulty was repeated in the international arena - at the Junior World Championships Norway by a Chinese athlete Wu Feilong.

Today, Oleg Andriyuk works as one of the coaches of the US National Diving Team.

No less interesting was the professional career of his coach Yuriy Artamonov, who, at the age of 47, became the first Ukrainian coach to train the Olympic champion from Greece, Nikolaos Siranidis.

Y. Artamonov moved to Greece at the invitation from the local Swimming Federation in the 1990s. He was entrusted to prepare the Greek divers for the 2004 Games of the XXVIII Olympiad in Athens.

Artamonov's apprentices - the 27-year-old Nikolaos Siranidis and Thomas Bimis - won the synchronised springboard diving event, beating the world's best divers - the Australians, the Chinese, the Americans, and the Russians (among whom were the legendary Dmitry Sautin and Aleksandr Dobroskok).

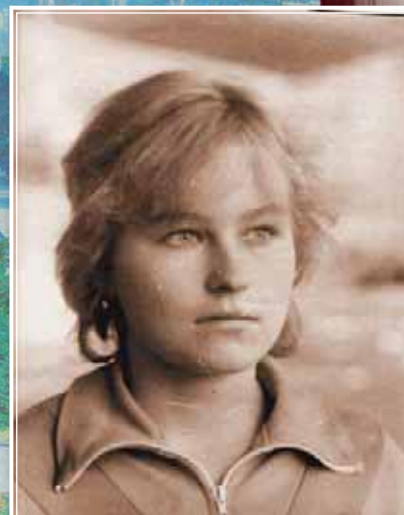


Oksana Barneva works as a coach in Mariupol nowadays



Igor Koshman - Master of Sports of the USSR, a multiple winner of the USSR Championships

Larysa Lomaka - Master of Sports of the USSR in diving





Oleg Andriyuk was first to perform four and a half turns forward on platform. 1986



"Neptune" swimming pool

Mark Zharkov - Master of Sports of Ukraine, a multiple winner of the Ukrainian Championships



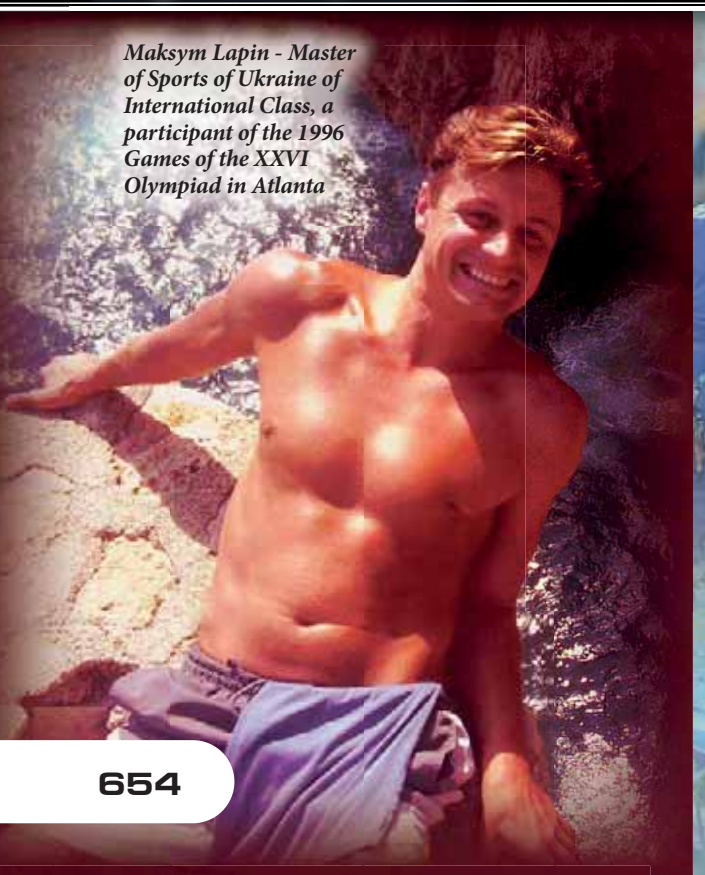
Oleg Andriyuk from Mariupol, the coach of the USA national team, with Mykhailo Ugrumov, the Coach of the National Team of Ukraine. Rio de Janeiro. 2016

Twenty-seven years passed since Yuriy Artamonov had first come to the Mariupol swimming pool "Neptune" until he stood at the Olympic swimming pool in Athens as the coach of the Olympic champions.

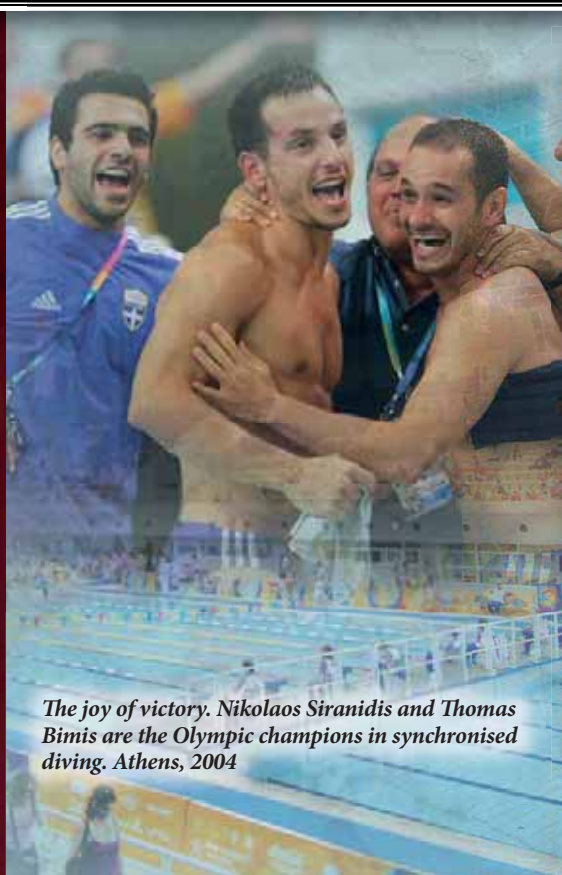
In 1990, the hard work of the Mariupol coaches and athletes allowed a number of divers to become participants in the Olympiad as part of the national team of the independent Ukraine. Among them were Maksym Lapin (Atlanta, 1996), Eduard Safonov and Dmytro Lysenko (Sydney, 2000), Dmytro Lysenko (Athens, 2004; Beijing, 2008).

Participant of three Games of Olympiads (2000, 2004, 2008) Dmytro Lysenko is a Master of Sports of International Class, a 12-time champion of Ukraine, the winner of the European Youth Championships (1995, 1999), the European champion in synchronised diving (2001), the winner of the Grand Prix in New Zealand (2000), the bronze medallist of the World Universiade (2007), the bronze medallist of the European Championships (2004).

Athletes of Merited Coach of Ukraine Anatoliy Golovan - Mark Chichilov, Olga Bochkareva, Master of Sports Yevgen Kravtsov, Yuliya Volosova, Stanislav Oliferchuk, Mykyta Tkachov - successfully performed in the international arena, becoming the winners and prize-winners of the Championships of Ukraine.



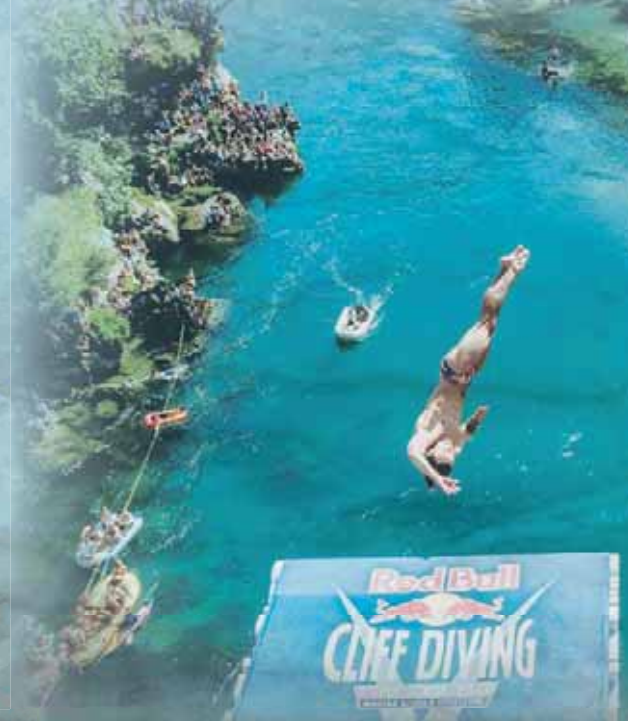
Maksym Lapin - Master of Sports of Ukraine of International Class, a participant of the 1996 Games of the XXVI Olympiad in Atlanta



The joy of victory. Nikolaos Siranidis and Thomas Bimis are the Olympic champions in synchronised diving. Athens, 2004



Merited Coaches of the USSR (L-R) Vanar Kuzmenko, Yuriy Artamonov, and Oleg Melnykov



Gennadiy Kutsenko - Master of Sports of Ukraine, a multiple winner of the Ukrainian Championships



Judges of the World Championships in aquatic sports. A. Golovan (far left in the front row). Budapest. 2017



Eduard Safonov - Master of Sports of Ukraine

Mark Chichilov - Master of Sports of Ukraine, a multiple winner of the Championships of Ukraine

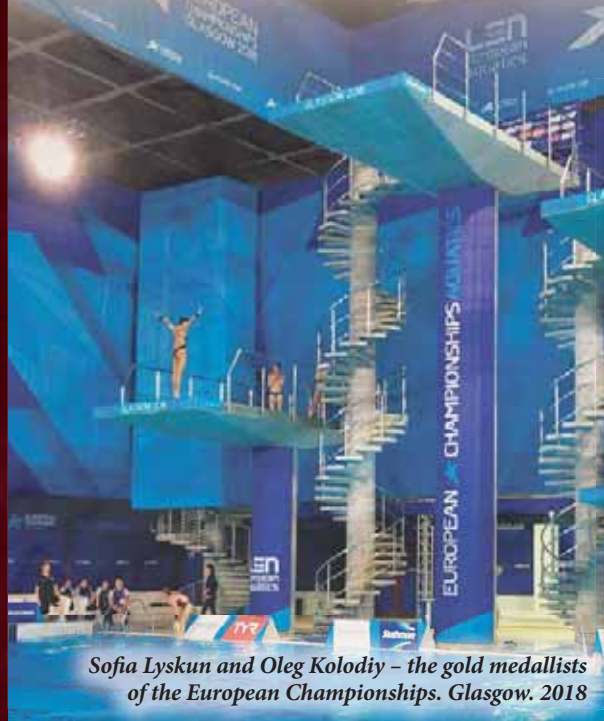


Oleksandr Kutsenko - Master of Sports of Ukraine, a multiple winner of the Championships of Ukraine





Yuliya Lykhachova - Senior Coach of the diving department at "Ilyichevets"



Sofia Lyskun and Oleg Kolodiy - the gold medallists of the European Championships. Glasgow. 2018



Anatoliy Golovan - Merited Coach of Ukraine, Senior Coach of the Donetsk Region Diving Team

Mark Chichilov is a Master of Sports of Ukraine, a bronze medallist of the European Youth Championships, a winner of the Ukrainian Championships.

Mykyta Tkachov is a Master of Sports of Ukraine, a winner of the European Youth Championships.

Mark Zharkov is a Master of Sports of Ukraine, a winner of the Ukrainian Championships.

Gennadiy and Oleksandr Kutsenko are the well-known athletes of the Senior Coach of the Children's and Youth Sports School of Mariupol Yuliya Lykhachova.

Gennadiy Kutsenko is a Master of Sports of Ukraine, a winner of the European Championships, a winner of the Ukrainian Championships.

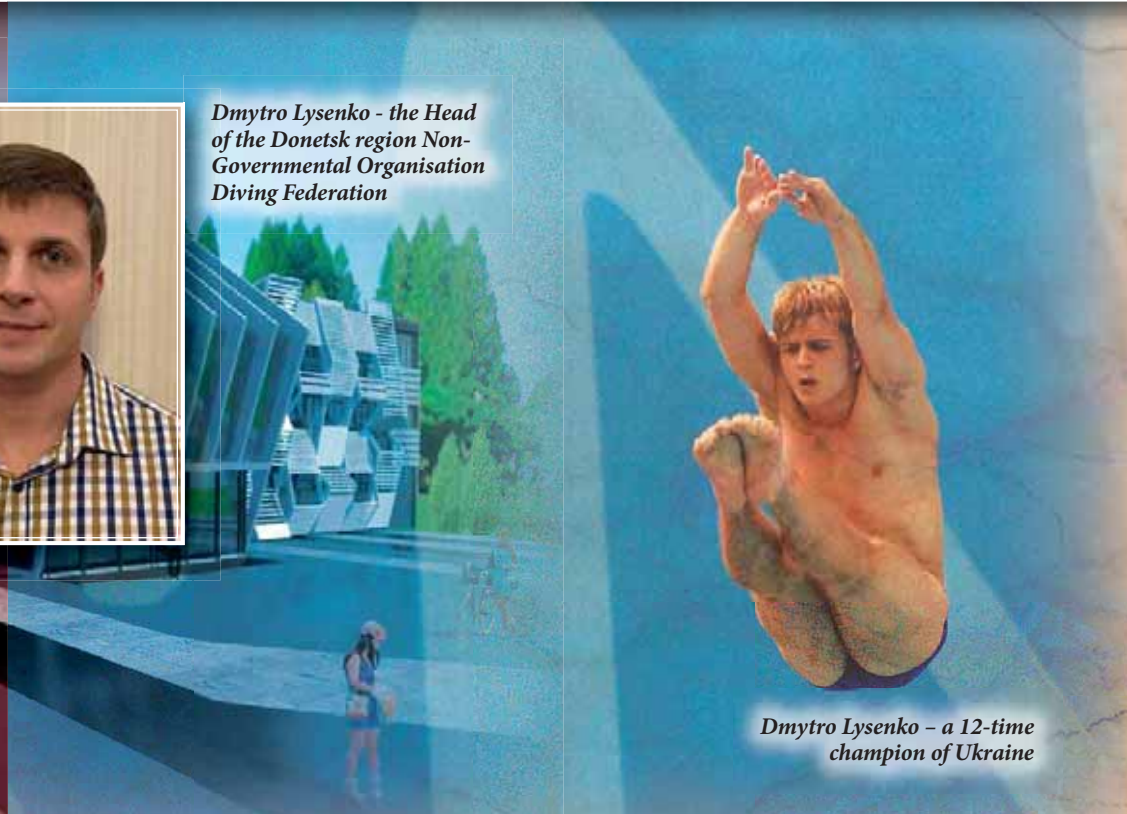
Oleksandr Kutsenko is a Master of Sports of Ukraine, a prize-winner of the Championships of Ukraine.

The development of diving in the region is the responsibility of the Donetsk region Non-Governmental Organisation Diving Federation. It is headed by one of the most successful divers of Ukraine, Master of Sports of Ukraine of International Class Dmytro Lysenko.

Reconstruction model of the Mariupol swimming pool



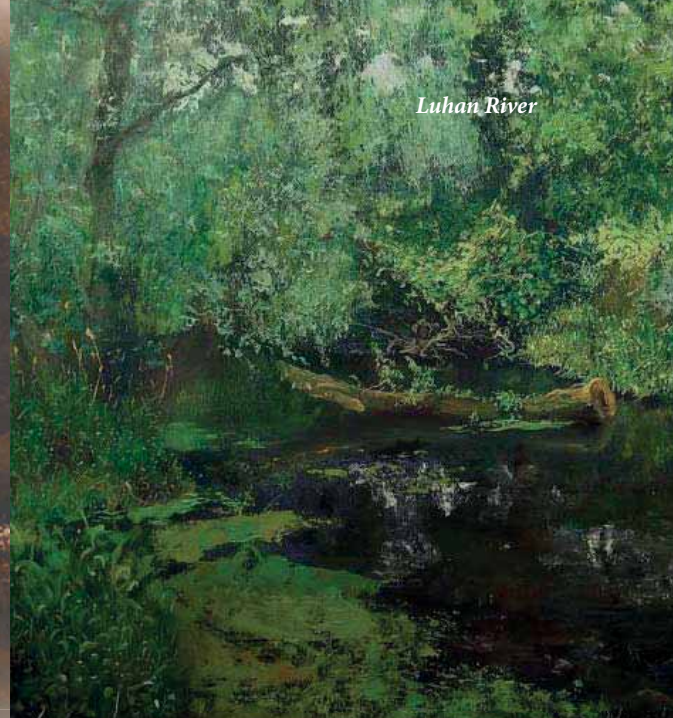
Dmytro Lysenko - the Head of the Donetsk region Non-Governmental Organisation Diving Federation



Dmytro Lysenko - a 12-time champion of Ukraine



Luhans'k at the end of the XIX century. Luhan River (Luhanka). Postcard



Luhan River

Luhans'k

The first aquatic centre with facilities for diving was located on the banks of the Luhan River, right tributary of the Siversky Donets River (Don's basin). Diving was traditionally perceived as mere entertainment on water and not as a competitive sport.

Sports facilities began to appear in Luhans'k (then Voroshylovgrad) only during the recovery after the World War II. The first 50-metre outdoor swimming pool with diving platforms and grandstands for spectators was built in the early 1950s. In 1954, all-Union competitions were already held in this basin. The swimming pool became a training centre for athletes in aquatic sports.

The next breakthrough in the city's sports life was the opening of a 50-metre heated indoor pool. After three years of construction, the "Youth" sports complex was put into operation on November 3, 1968. The capacity of the pool was up to 1,000 people a day; there were swimmers, divers, water polo players, and pentathletes of Luhans'k region. There were several platforms of 3, 5, 7 and 10 m, two springboards - 1 and 3 m. The depth of the pool in the dive zone was 5.5 m. That is, all conditions were created for the high-quality diving practice.

The "Spartak" swimming pool was built in the 1980s; it was equipped with a platform for diving. The depth of the pool was 3.5 m, which allowed to conduct classes for children.

In the 1990s, the first significant success appeared - Oleksandr Skrypnyk and Olga Leonova as part of the national team of Ukraine became participants of the Games of the Olympiad.



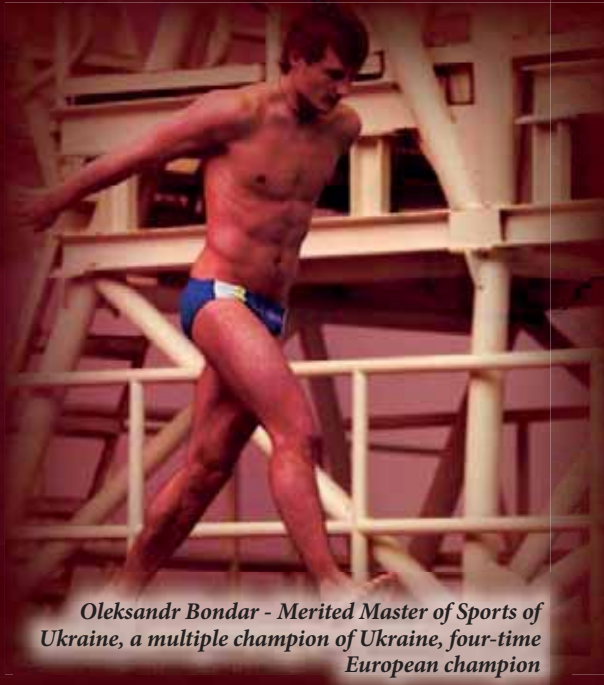
All-Union competitions took place in a 50-metre pool. Luhans'k, 1954



Coaches Andriy Yakovlev (L-R) and Andriy Shiridega (R-L) with their apprentices among whom the future stars of the Ukrainian diving Olga Leonova (second left in the third row) and Oleksandr Skrypnyk (second left in the second row)



Luhans'k divers. 1980s



Oleksandr Bondar - Merited Master of Sports of Ukraine, a multiple champion of Ukraine, four-time European champion



The pool of the sports complex "Youth", built in 1968, became home to all aquatic sports. Luhans'k



Mariya Voloshchenko - Master of Sports of Ukraine of International Class, a multiple winner and prize-winner of the Ukrainian Championships, a participant of the 2004 Games of the XXVIII Olympiad

Oleksandr Skrypnyk is a Merited Master of Sports of Ukraine, a multiple champion of Ukraine. He participated in two Games of Olympiads: in 1996 in Atlanta and in 2000 in Sydney.

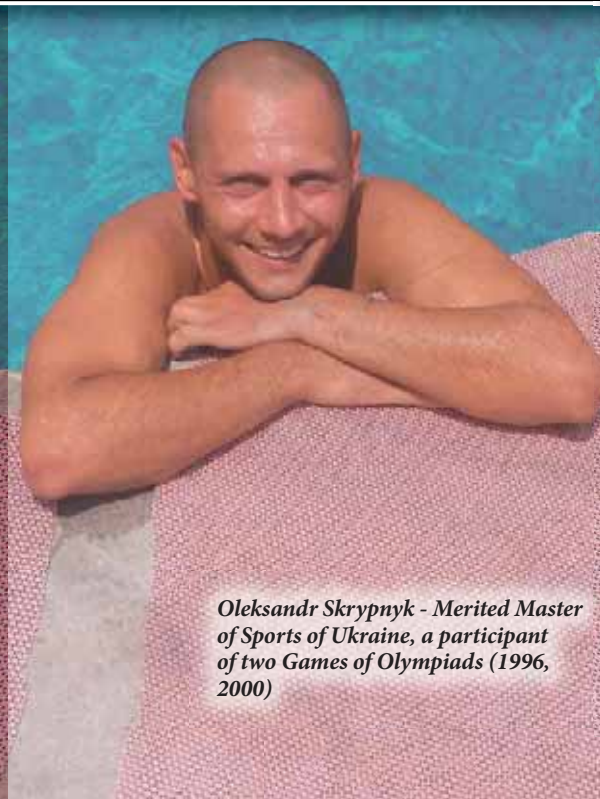
Olga Leonova is a Master of Sports of Ukraine of International Class, a multiple winner and prize-winner of the Championships of Ukraine, a participant of the 2000 Games of the XXVII Olympiad in Sydney.

They were followed by the brilliant athletes Oleksandr Gorshkovozov, Yevgen Komarov, Mariya Voloshchenko, Kateryna Zhuk, Dmytro Mezhensky, Anastasiya Argakova, Oleksandr Bondar, Anastasiya Nedobiga, and Ganna Krasnoshlyk, who represented Ukraine in the international arena.

Oleksandr Gorshkovozov is a Merited Mater of Sports of Ukraine, 2015 World Championship silver medallist (team event), 2017 European Champion, 2015 and 2017 two-time silver medalist in the springboard diving and team events respectively, 2015 and 2021 two-time bronze medallist in the 10 metre synchronised platform and the synchronised 3 metre springboard diving.

Yevgen Komarov is a Master of Sports of Ukraine of International Class, a multiple winner of the Ukrainian Championships in diving and synchronised diving.

Mariya Voloshchenko is a Master of Sports of Ukraine of International Class, a multiple winner and prize-winner of the Championships of Ukraine, a participant of the 2004 Games of the XXVIII Olympiad in Athens.



Oleksandr Skrypnyk - Merited Master of Sports of Ukraine, a participant of two Games of Olympiads (1996, 2000)





Merited Master of Sports Oleg Kolodiy and Master of Sports of Ukraine of International Class Anastasiya Nedobiga with Merited Coach of Ukraine Larysa Afanasyeva



Oleg Kolodiy - Merited Master of Sports of Ukraine, the bronze medallist of the World Championships, a two-time bronze medallist of the European Championships (2015, 2013)



Dmytro Mezhenyky - is a Master of Sports of Ukraine of International Class, the silver medallist of the European Championships (2013) in synchronised diving from the 10-metre platform, the finalist of the World Championships (2013), a multiple-time champion of Ukraine.

Oleksandr Bondar is a Merited Master of Sports of Ukraine, a four-time European champion in platform, a winner of the World and European Championships, a multiple-time champion of Ukraine.

Anastasiya Nedobiga is a Master of Sports of Ukraine of International Class, a multiple champion of Ukraine, a winner of the Cups of Ukraine, the bronze medallist of the European Championships (2017), a participant of the Games of the Olympiad in 2016 in Rio de Janeiro.

Ganna Krasnosnylyk is a Master of Sports of Ukraine of International Class, the silver medallist of the Youth Olympic Games 2014 in Nanjing, the silver medallist of the European Championships (2016), a multiple-time winner and prize-winner of the Ukrainian Championships, a participant of the 2016 Games of the XXXI Olympiad in Rio de Janeiro.

In 2012, a list of top Ukrainian divers was expanded by talented young athletes Oleg Kolodiy, Pylyp Tkachenko, Diana Shelestyuk, Vadym Nevinglovsky, Viktoriya Safonova, Mykyta Rudenko, Sofia Lyskun, Viktoriya Grygorenko, Andriy Telebzda, Vlada Tatsenko, Viktoriya Yanovska, Valeriya Lyulko, Violeta Sverchkova, Oleksiy Sereda, Anton Antoniv, Alina Babayeva, Mariya Sereda, who became the winners and prize-winners of the Ukrain-

Leaders of the Ukrainian national team Oleg Kolodiy and Oleksandr Gorshkovozov



Participants of the 2018 Diving World Cup L-R: L. Afanasieva, Oleg Kolodiy, T. Tokmachova, Sofia Lyskun



Merited Master of Sports of Ukraine Oleksandr Gorshkovozov and Master of Sports of the International Class Anastasiya Nedobiga (2017)



Anastasiya Nedobiga - Master of Sports of International Class, a multiple champion of Ukraine



Oleksandr Gorshkovozov - Merited Master of Sports of Ukraine, a participant of two Games of Olympiads (2012, 2016)

ian Championships. Anna Pysmenska from Vinnytsia also practiced with the coaches from Luhans'k.

Oleg Kolodiy is a Merited Master of Sports of Ukraine, the bronze medallist of the World Championships (2017), a two-time bronze medallist of the European Championships (2013, 2015), a multiple winner of the Ukrainian Championships.

Sofia Lyskun is a Master of Sports of Ukraine of International Class, the champion of Ukraine (2016), a multiple winner, the bronze medallist of the European Junior Championships (2016), the silver and bronze medallist of the 2018 Youth Olympic Games in Buenos Aires.

Viktoriya Safonova is a Master of Sports of Ukraine, a winner (2015) and prize-winner of the Ukrainian Championships.

Ilyya Trushin is a Master of Sports of Ukraine, the champion of Ukraine (2016), a finalist of the European Junior Championships (2016).

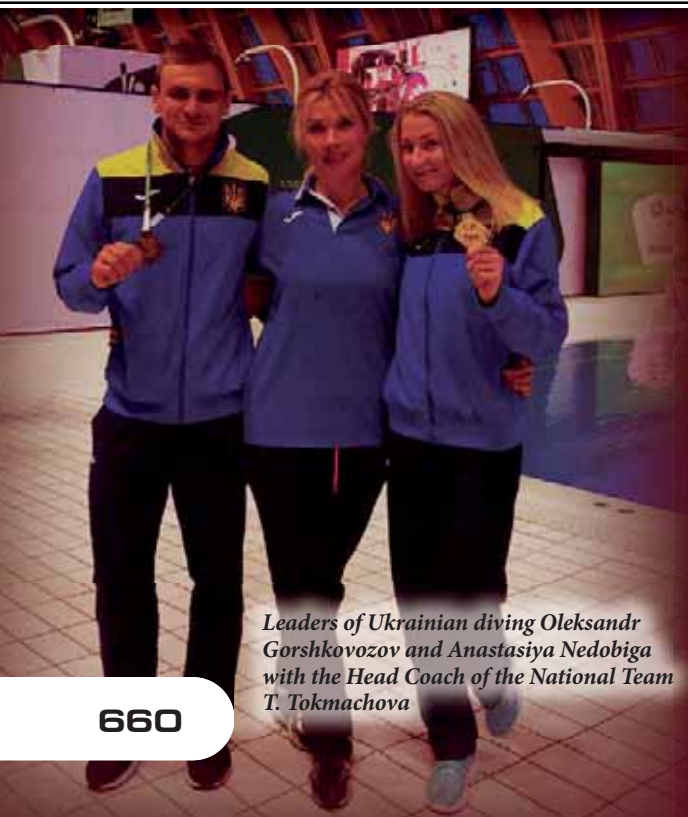
Vlada Tatsenko is a Master of Sports of Ukraine of International Class, a multiple winner of the Ukrainian Championships, the silver medallist of the European Championships (2016).

Mykyta Kryvoplyshyn is a Master of Sports of Ukraine, a multiple-time champion of Ukraine (2016 2017, 2019)

Oleksiy Sereda - is a Master of Sports of Ukraine, the champion of Ukraine (2018), the bronze medallist of the Grand Prix of the International Swimming Federation (2019).

Valeriya Lyulko is a Master of Sports of Ukraine, the winner (2017) and a multiple-time prize-winner of the Ukrainian Championships.

Maria Sereda is the champion of Ukraine in the 10-metre platform (2019).



Leaders of Ukrainian diving Oleksandr Gorshkovozov and Anastasiya Nedobiga with the Head Coach of the National Team T. Tokmachova



Oleksandr Gorshkovozov diving





Sofia Lyskun - Master of Sports of International Class, the silver and bronze medallist of the III Youth Olympic Games of 2018 in Buenos Aires

Pylyp Tkachenko is a Master of Sports of Ukraine, a multiple winner and prize-winner of the Ukrainian Championships in the synchronised springboard.

Vadym Nevinglovsky is a Master of Sports of Ukraine, a winner and prize-winner of Ukrainian Championships in synchronised diving from a springboard.

Andriy Telebzda, Anton Antoniv are Masters of Sports of Ukraine, winners of the Ukrainian Championships.

Diana Shelestyuk, Alina Babayeva, Viktoriya Yanovska are multiple winners of the Ukrainian Championships.

A large list of young Masters of Sports of Ukraine, who have achieved success both nationally and internationally, gives reason to hope for future fruitful performances of Luhans'k divers on the Olympic arena.

Tamara Tokmachova, Merited Coach of Ukraine, the Head Coach of the Ukrainian diving team (from 2005 to the present), who raised a constellation of Merited Master of Sports and Master of Sports of Ukraine of International Class, also began her professional career in Luhans'k.

Today, Luhans'k divers train in the recently reconstructed swimming pool of the Yunost sports complex, where a Children's and Youth Sports Schools also operate.

Two Merited Coaches of Ukraine - Larysa Afanasyeva and Olga Ivanenko prepare the youth of Luhans'k in diving.

The development of diving in the Luhans'k region is managed by the region Non-Governmental Organisation Diving Federation, whose President is the Master of Sports of the USSR Stanislav Koshoyvi.



Ganna Krasnoshlyk - Master of Sports of International Class, the silver medallist of the II Youth Olympic Games 2014 in Nanjing, a participant of the 2016 Games of the XXXI Olympiad in Rio de Janeiro



Anton Antoniv with his coach Tetiana Pogrebna



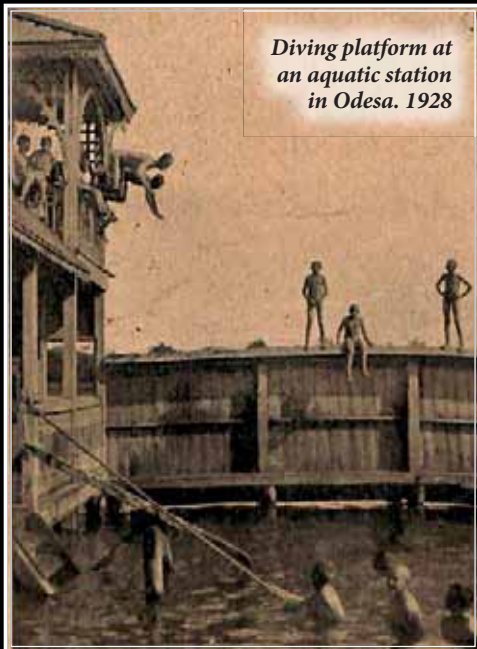
Ukrainian athletes and coaches celebrating their successful performance. L-R: Merited Coach of Ukraine I. Zhuravlyova, Merited Masters of Sports of Ukraine Maksym Dolgov and Oleksandr Gorshkovozov and Merited Coach of Ukraine, Head Coach of the national team T. Tokmachova



Stanislav Koshoyvi - President of the Luhans'k region Non-Governmental Organisation Diving Federation



Catherine's Yacht Club, Odesa. Early XX century



Diving platform at an aquatic station in Odesa. 1928

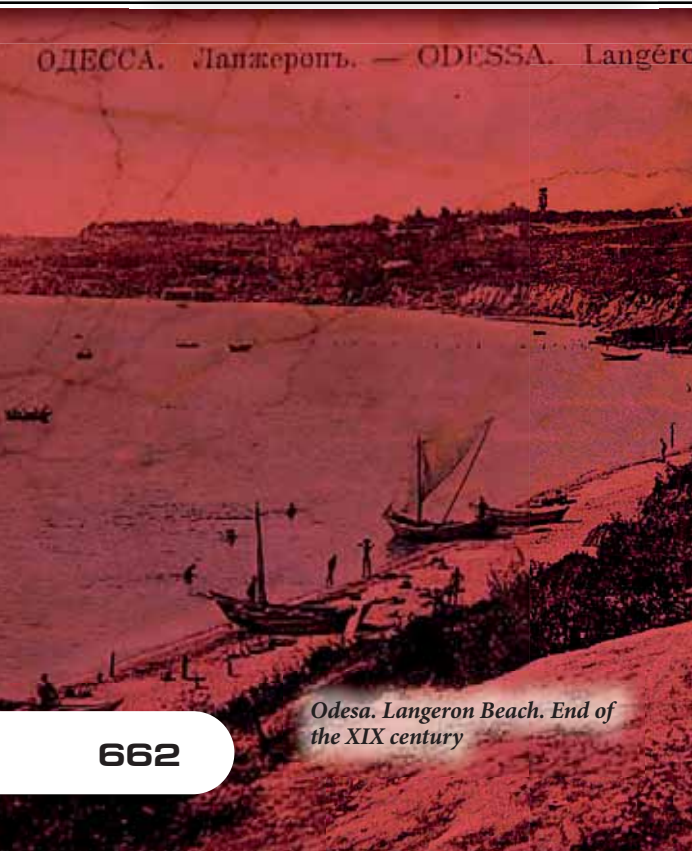
Odesa

The all-Ukrainian aquatic station was opened in Odesa on the site of the ruins of the pre-revolutionary Catherine Yacht Club in 1931. The all-Ukrainian aquatic station consisted of three departments: rowing, swimming and diving, and sailing. The swimming and diving school was equipped with two training rafts, a 10-metre diving platform, high and low springboards. The Head Coach of the swimming and diving school was T. Chernov from Leningrad. To perform his duties, he worked from morning till late-night.

Two-month training courses were held for physical education instructors of Ukraine of up to 50 people in a group at the all-Ukrainian Aquatic station in Odesa!

Another aquatic centre with a diving platform was built on the Platonovsky Pier. It was very popular among the people of Odesa.

Another place for diving in Odesa was the Dukivsky Garden - a 25-hectare park on the slope of the Water Beam, which opened in 1810. It was there that then mayor of Odesa, Duke de Richelieu, arranged his country residence, hence the name of the garden. Platforms for diving were installed on a beautiful lake.



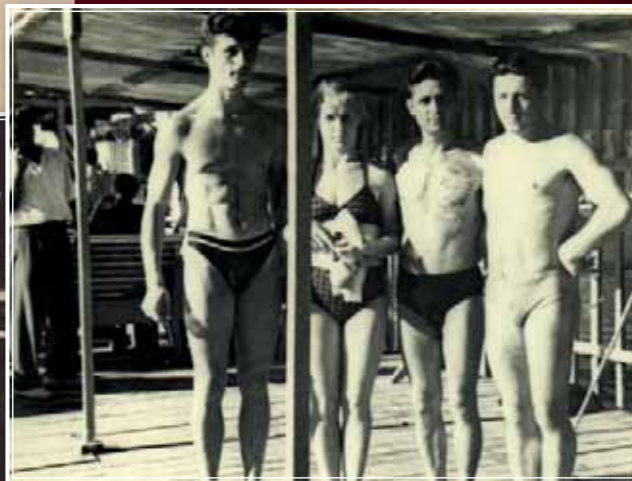
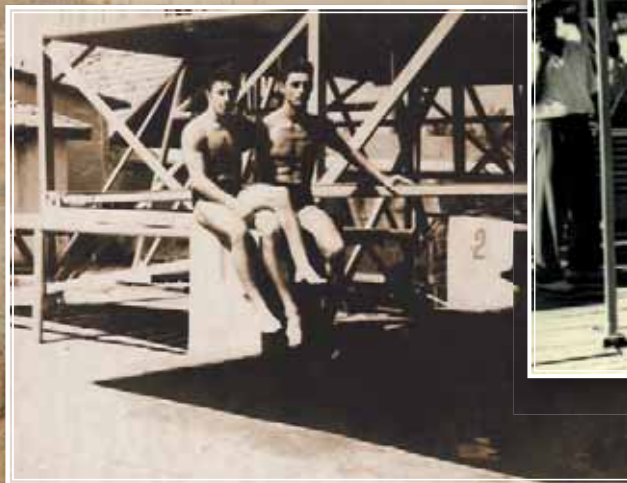
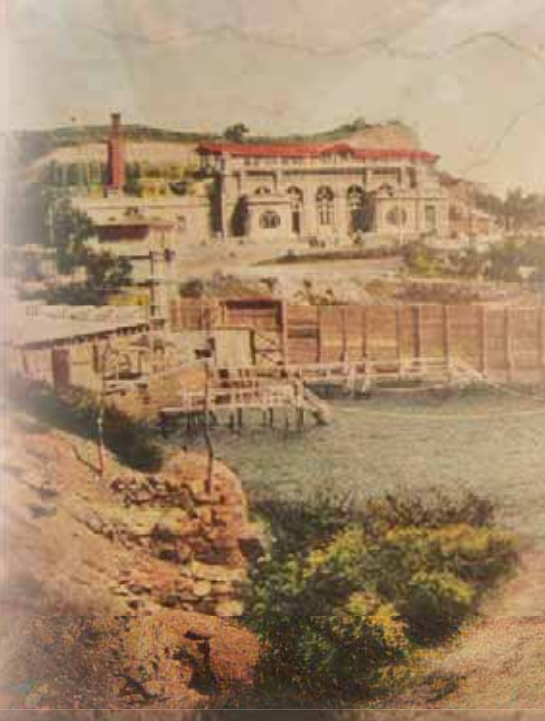
Odesa. Langeron Beach. End of the XIX century



Swimming pool in the Victory Park. 1960s



At the aquatic centre in Dyukovsky Garden. 1930s



Ukrainian divers in the pool of the Duke's Garden

The garden was reborn in 1949; after reconstruction, it was named the Victory Park. In the late 1950s, the park became a sports and entertainment centre with a 50-metre pool and a 10-metre diving platform with small stands for spectators. In the late 1970s, its popularity began to decline; and in 1989, the Victory Park was transferred to self-financing.

A sports complex of the Odesa Military District (the so-called SKA) was put into operation in 1952. It included a 25-metre pool with 5- and 10-metre platforms for diving as well as 1-metre and 3-metre springboards. In 1966, the pool was reconstructed.

In 1977, the pool of the Odesa Air Defence Plant was opened with a 5-metre platform, two 3-metre and three 1-metre springboards.

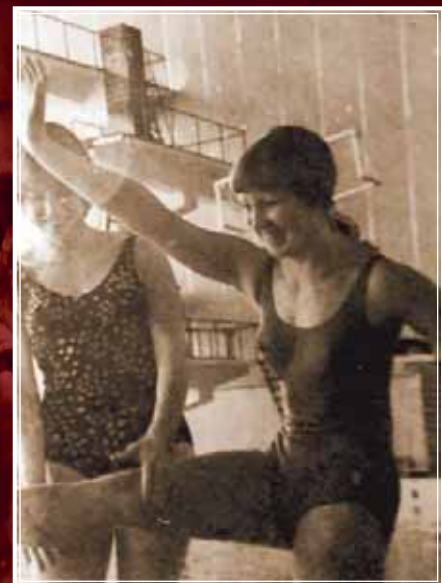
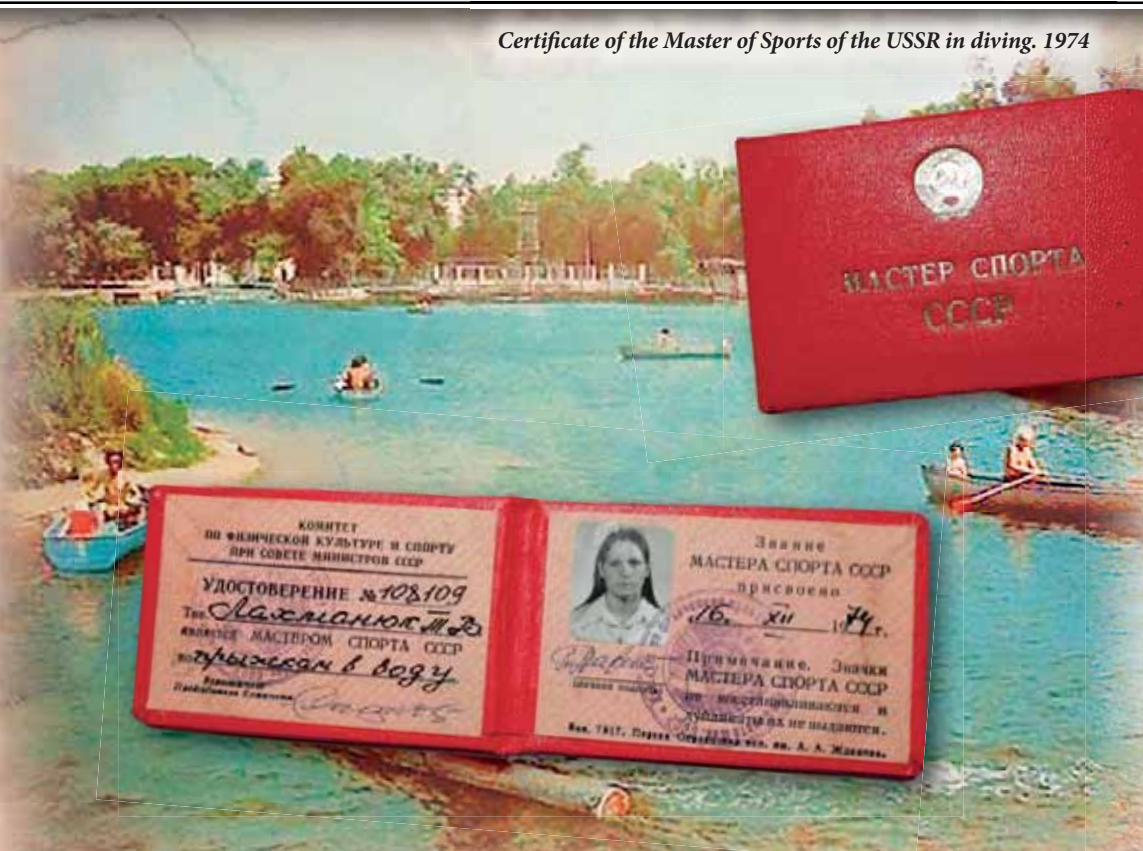
Ukrainian coaches Leonid Olensky, Oleksandr Zuyev, Volodymyr Reznichenko, Valeriy Martynovsky coached in these facilities at different times. Among their apprentices were Valeriy Martynovsky, Oleksandr Alpatikov, Viktor Lytvynov, Tetiana Lakhmanyuk, Nina Manokhina, Tetiana Stepanova, Volodymyr Alekseychuk (Champion of the USSR School Games).

Athletes Iryna Kuzyk and Olga Dumyk became the winners of the all-Union competitions in the springboard in 1987 (for the prize of «Komsomolskaya Pravda» newspaper).



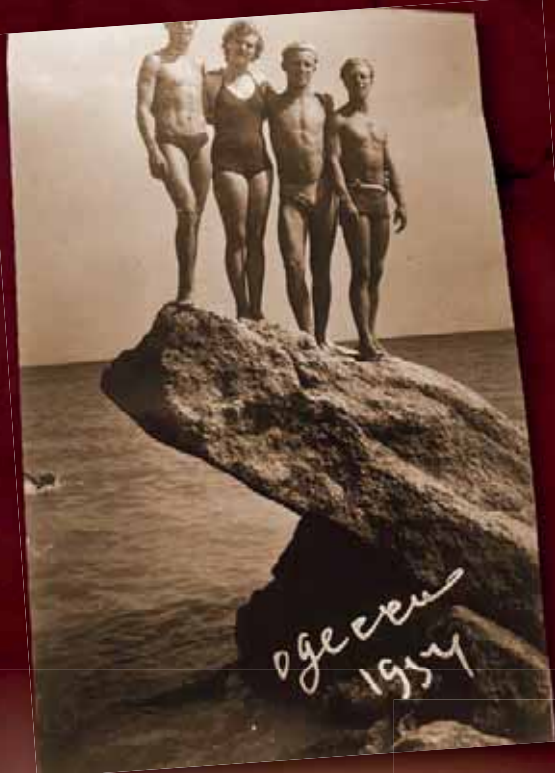
Sculptures of swimmers decorated the aquatic sports hall in the Duke's Garden of Odesa

Certificate of the Master of Sports of the USSR in diving, 1974

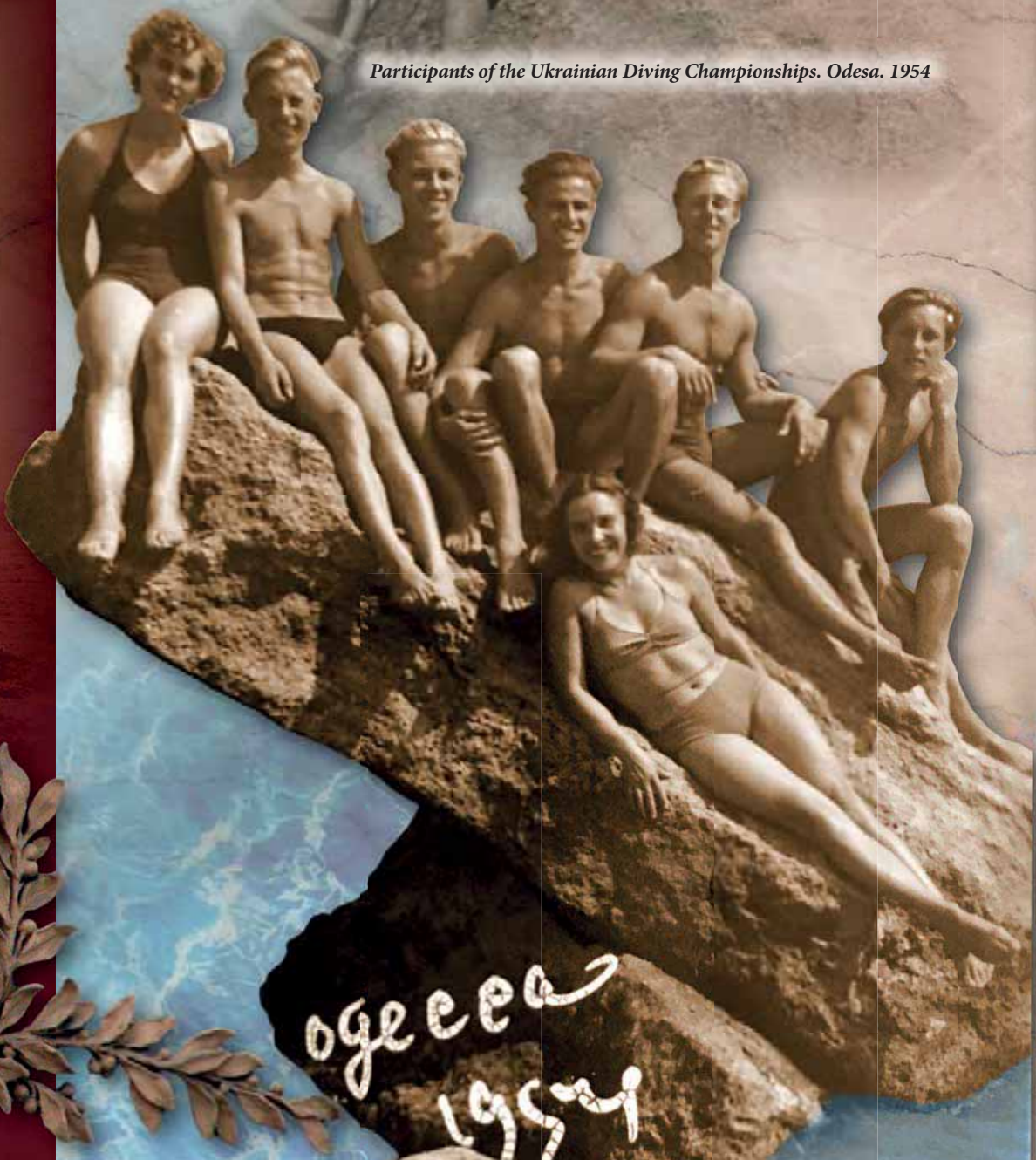


Tetiana Lakhmanyuk from Odesa - Master of Sports of the USSR, a silver medallist of the Ukrainian diving Championships. Dnipropetrovsk. 1973

Leaders of Ukrainian diving (L-R): Felix Samsonov, Nadiya Vrzhesnevska, Leonid Fedorenko, I. Vorontsov. Odesa. 1954

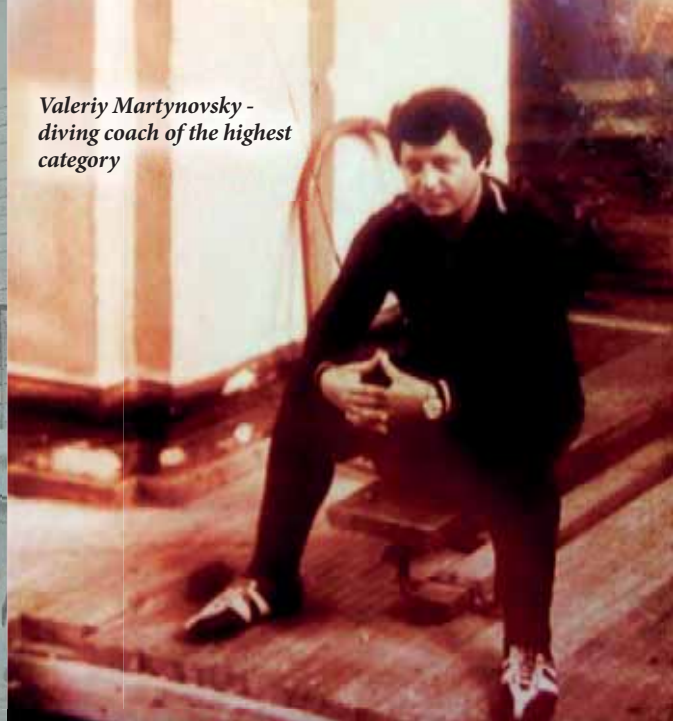


Participants of the Ukrainian Diving Championships. Odesa. 1954





Divers (L-R): Olga Dumik, Iryna Kuznetsova, Iryna Kuzyk. Olga Dumyk, and Iryna Kuzyk became the winners of the all-Union Competitions for the prizes of the "Komsomolskaya Pravda" newspaper



Valeriy Martynovsky - diving coach of the highest category

Coaches Valeriy Martynovsky, Leonid Sukach, Volodymyr Kryuchkovsky, Lyudmyla Khilova, Iryna Kuznetsova made their contribution to the diving department of the "Storm" sports complex in Odesa in the 1980s. Their athletes performed successfully at the all-Ukrainian competitions.

Odesa was the venue for many all-Union, all-Ukrainian, and International competitions.

Swimming pools in Odesa fell into disrepair in the 1990s; there were not enough funds to maintain the Children's and Youth Sports School, so it ceased to exist.

Today, diving in Odesa is not cultivated.

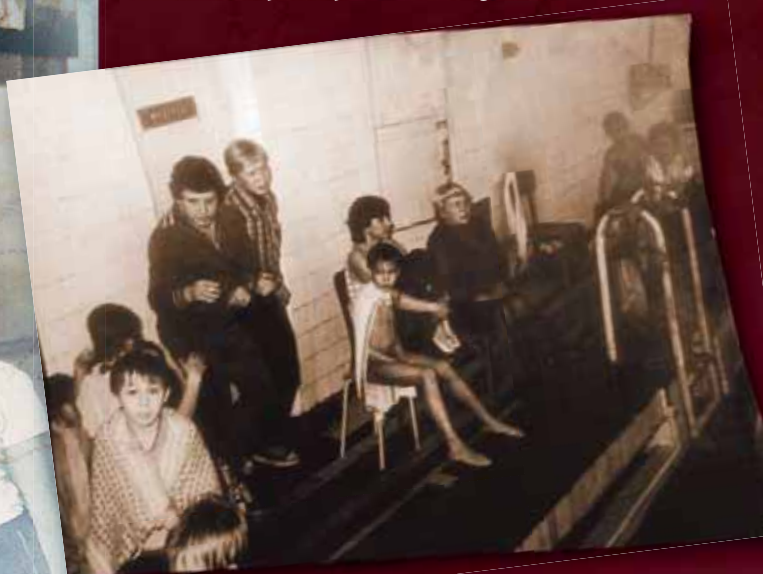


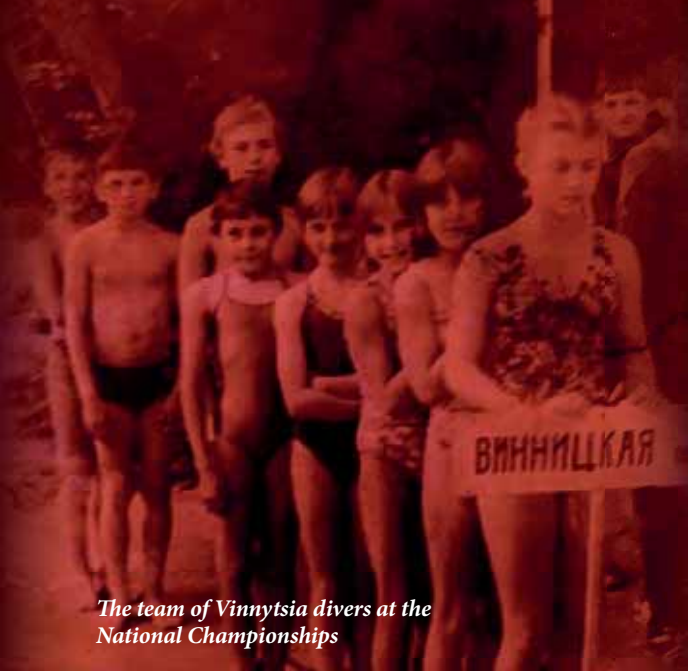
The Olympic standard swimming pool of the Odesa National Maritime Academy "Vodnyk" with a platform for diving (depth in the diving area 5.5 m) - was built in 1984

Young divers in Odesa



Coach V. Martynovsky at the training session





The team of Vinnytsia divers at the National Championships



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Winnica — Widok na stare miasto



Vinnytsia

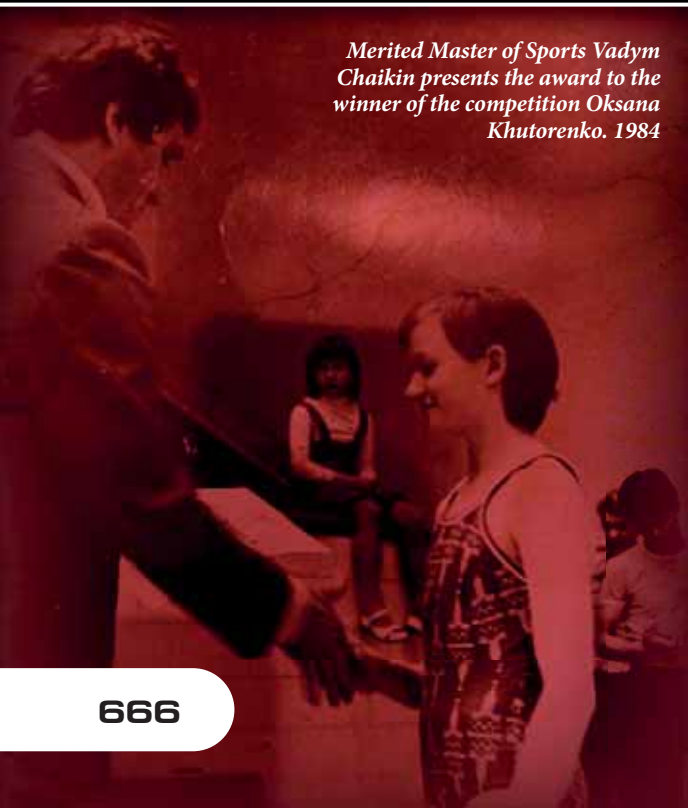
The bays of the Southern Bug were a training place for athletes, children, and youth of the Vinnytsia region. Classes in rowing, swimming, and diving were held at the aquatic centres.

Young people practiced their skills on especially equipped diving platforms, preparing to pass the TRP standards under the guidance of amateur coaches in the 1930s. The mass involvement with aquatic open water sports in the USSR did not bypass the Vinnytsia region as sports clubs started to emerge and grow here.

Leonid Hoffman, who prepared a constellation of Masters of Sports of the USSR, stood at the origins of the development of diving in Vinnytsia. Among them were Svitlana Arbuzova, Yuliya Oleksienko, Petro Ivaskevych, and others.

A significant contribution to the development of diving in Vinnytsia in the 1970s was made by Coach Valentyna Pavlova, whose athletes - Oleksandr Babayev, Olena Sologub, Olena Derun, and others were among the leaders of this sport in the country. Olena Derun successfully performed at the all-Union and international arena competitions. She was a multiple winner of the USSR Championships and a member of the USSR national team in diving.

In the 1980s and 1990s, there were 11 diving coaches at the Vinnytsia Children's and Youth Sports School. The leading coach at that time was Borys Rosenberg. Among his best athletes were Volodymyr Rozbytskyi, a finalist of the all-Union competitions (USSR Cup and Spartakiad of the Peoples of the USSR, all-Union Youth Games (1985),



Merited Master of Sports Vadym Chaikin presents the award to the winner of the competition Oksana Khutorenko. 1984



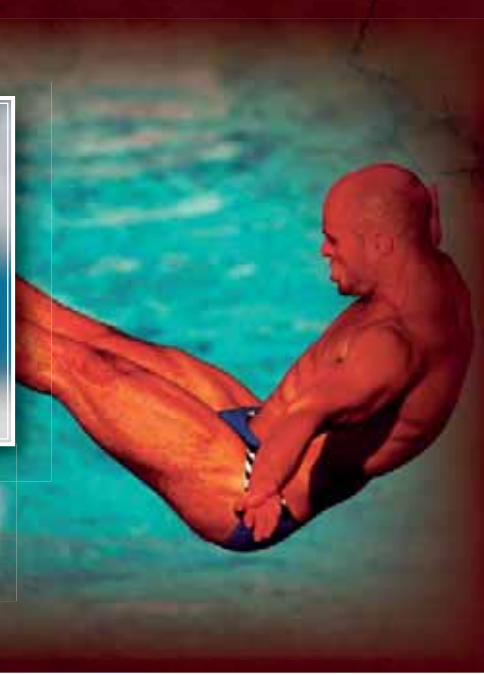
Vinnytsia divers at a training camp in Sevastopol. 1980s



Olena Savchuk - Master of Sports of International Class, a winner of the USSR Championships



Pavlo Rosenberg - Master of Sports of Ukraine of International Class, a multiple winner of the European and World Youth Championships, the winner of the World Cup (2007)



Lyudmyla Chovgun, and Lyudmyla Ovcharuk, members of the Ukrainian SSR team who successfully competed in the European Youth Championships. The greatest success among Borys Rosenberg's apprentices was achieved by his son Pavlo Rosenberg, a multiple winner of the European and World Youth Championships and a winner of the World Cup (2007). Pavlo Rosenberg took the 5th place in the 3-metre springboard at the Games of the XXI Olympiad in Beijing as a member of the team of Germany.

Ivan Ivaskevych, a coach and an apprentice of the Vinnytsia diving school, worked extremely successfully. Among his best apprentices, Master of Sports of International Class, the winner of the USSR Championships, Olena Savchuk is especially notable.

At the Spartakiad of the USSR, two representatives of the Vinnytsia region- Olena Savchuk and Volodymyr Rozbytskyi - took the first places.

After a certain decline in the 1990s due to economic reasons, which led to the departure of coaches abroad and poor training conditions, the situation in Vinnytsia diving gradually began to stabilize by the year 2000. Today, the department of diving at the sports school "Orbita" on the basis of sports club "Avangard" operates successfully.

The Senior Coach of the department is the Merited Coach of Ukraine, the coach of the highest category Diana Kulberi, who prepared a group of talented Ukrainian divers. The most famous among them is Merited Master of Sports of Ukraine Anna Pysmenska, a champion of Ukraine, a winner of the European Championships, a participant and finalist of the Games of Olympiad of 2008 and 2012.

The development of sports is supervised by the Vinnytsia region Non-Governmental Organisation Diving Federation headed by Valeriy Rozbytskyi.



Anna Pysmenska - Merited Master of Sports of Ukraine, a champion of Ukraine, a winner of the European Championships, a participant and finalist of two Games of Olympiads (2008, 2012)



Diana Kulberi heads the Regional Federation



Merited Coach of Ukraine Diana Kulberi with her apprentice, Merited Master of Sports of Ukraine Anna Pysmenska



"Avangard" swimming pool



President of the Ukrainian Diving Federation I. Lysov was awarded the NOC of Ukraine Medal "O.D. Butovsky"

Ukrainian athletes, coaches and heads of the Diving Federation have been repeatedly honoured with State awards of Ukraine, the National Olympic Committee of Ukraine, the European Olympic Committees, the International Swimming Federation (FINA), and the European Federation (LENA) as well as the diplomas of the State Parliament.



President of the NOC of Ukraine S. Bubka presents awards to renowned athletes and coaches



President of the Ukrainian Diving Federation I. Lysov was awarded the European Olympic Committee Award - the Olympic Laurel - for the effective development of Olympic sports in Ukraine and Europe



President of the Ukrainian Diving Federation I. Lysov was awarded the Order of Merit (1 class)

“The strength of the team is each individual member. The strength of each member is the team.”

Phil Jackson

“Winning means you’re willing to go longer, work harder, and give more than anyone else”.

Vince Lombardi

“If everyone is moving forward together, then success takes care of itself”

Henry Ford

“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.”

Nelson Mandela

“Life isn’t about finding yourself. Life is about creating yourself”.

George Bernard Shaw



*Athletes. Bronze.
Max Le Verrier.
1920s. France.*



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and was so glad to hear
from you. I hope you
are all well. I have
just received a letter
from your brother
and he is well.
I am
Your affectionate
son
John
June 10 2 1871*

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