



DELEGACIÓ DIOCESANA DE L' APOSTOLAT DEL MAR

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REPORT 2006

Start of project: 1st of January 2006

End of project: 31st of December 2006

ACCOMMODATION

Occupied beds: total: 8719; According to our maximum capacity of 32 beds per day and being opened 333 days per year (just closed for holidays in August) the annual occupation was 81,33%.

During this year we hosted 744 persons.

Statistic dates 2005

Days of stage

Stage	2006	Percentage
Less than one week	517	69.48
One to two weeks	<u>123</u>	<u>16.53</u>
Two to four weeks	<u>47</u>	<u>6.33</u>
One month to two months	<u>34</u>	<u>4.57</u>
Two to four months	<u>10</u>	<u>1.34</u>
More than four months	<u>13</u>	<u>1.75</u>
	<u>744</u>	<u>100</u>

Age of guests

Age of guests	2006	Percentage
Under 20 years	18	2.42
Between 21 and 30 years	<u>141</u>	<u>18.95</u>
Between 31 and 40 years	<u>210</u>	<u>28.23</u>
Between 41 and 50 years	<u>200</u>	<u>26.89</u>
Between 51 and 60 years	<u>62</u>	<u>8.33</u>
Over 60 years	<u>46</u>	<u>6.18</u>
Not mentioned	<u>67</u>	<u>9.00</u>
	<u>744</u>	<u>100</u>

Civil status of guests

Civil status	2006	Percentage
Unmarried	351	47.17
Married	303	<u>40.73</u>
Widowed	9	<u>1.21</u>
Divorced	<u>20</u>	<u>2.69</u>
Not mentioned	<u>61</u>	<u>8.20</u>
	<u>744</u>	<u>100</u>

Profession of guests

Profession	2006	Percentage
Sailors	556	74.73
Fishermen	18	2.42
Students of nautical	<u>2</u>	<u>0.27</u>
Families of sailors	<u>10</u>	<u>1.34</u>
Divers	7	<u>0.94</u>
Various	<u>103</u>	<u>13.84</u>
Stella Maris	4	<u>0.55</u>
Not mentioned	<u>44</u>	<u>5.91</u>
	<u>744</u>	<u>100</u>

Labour status

Labour status	2006	Percentage
Retired	35	4.70
Working	592	79.57
Unemployed	15	2.02
Various *	10	1.34
Not mentioned	16*	2.15
	76	10.22

* Students 2, Families 10, Stella Maris 4, total 16

Number of guests

year	2005	2006	Percentage 2005/2006
guests	759	744	-0.98

Number of beds and percentage of occupation

year	2005	2006	Percentage 2005/2005
amount	8521	8719	+2.32

Nationality guests

Nationality	Number	Percentage
Algerian	9	1.21
Argentine	18	2.42
Bulgarian	1	0.13
Canadian	1	0.13
Capered	1	0.13
Colombian	9	1.21
Dominican	1	0.13
Dutch	8	1.08
Egyptian	36	4,84
English	22	2.96
Esthonian	2	0.27
Finish	21	2,82
French	4	0.54
German	4	0.54
Greek	8	1.08
Guatemalan	8	1.08
Honduran	8	1.08
Indian	12	1.61
Irish	1	0.13
Italian	7	0.94
Moroccan	13	1.75
Peruvian	8	1.08
Philippine	15	2,02
Portuguese	4	0.54
Romanian	6	0.81
Scottish	1	0.13
Spanish	475	63,84
Swedish	6	0.81
Swiss	6	0.81
USA	3	0.40
Not mentioned	11	1.48
Total	744	100

VISITS TO SHIPS IN THE PORT OF BARCELONA IN 2006

Every day from Monday to Saturday vessels have been visited, to welcome the crew, ask for their necessities, provide them with information, publications, city maps, especially to offer them our services and to bring them in to the city centre by using vans with 9 seats each. In total 2044 ships sailing under the following flags have been visited:

Ship's flag	No of vessels visited	Percentage
Abú Dhabi	1	0,05
Albania	7	0,34
Germany	42	2,05
Algeria	6	0,29
England	96	4,70
Antigua	102	4,99
Austria	5	0,24
Bahamas	24	1,17
Barbados	3	0,15
Belgium	2	0,10
Belice	16	0,78
Bermudas	36	1,76
Slovenia	2	0,10
Bulgaria	2	0,10
China	42	2.05
Cyprus	65	3.18
Korea	5	0.24
Denmark	15	0,73
Dubai	9	0,44
Emirates	5	0,24
Spain	96	4,70
France	27	1,32
Gibraltar	2	0,10
Greece	75	3,67
Netherlands	31	1,52
Hong Kong	3	0,15
Indonesia	1	0,05
India	1	0,05
Ireland	6	0,29
Marshall Islands	53	2,59
Israel	5	0,24
Italy	126	6,16
Jamaica	6	0,29
Japan	5	0,24
Kuwait	4	0,20
Latvia	1	0,05
Lebanon	1	0,05
Liberia	197	9,64
Libya	1	0,05
Lithuania	11	0,54
Luxembourg	11	0,54
Madeira	6	0,29
Malaysia	13	0,64
Malta	164	8,02
Morocco	47	2,30
Nassau	11	0,54

Norway	45	2,20
New Zealand	1	0,05
Panama	363	17,76
Portugal	9	0,44
Qatar	3	0,15
Rumania	7	0,34
Russia	46	2,25
Saint. Vincent Grenadine	17	0,83
Singapore	24	1,17
Sweden	10	0,49
Switzerland	1	0,05
Taiwan	6	0,29
Tunisia	10	0,49
Turkey	89	4,35
Ukraine	22	1,08
Vanuatu	2	0,10
Total	2044	100,00

Nationality of the crewmembers

The crewmember's nationalities varied a lot on the visited vessels. There were ships with more than three nationalities on board. The number of ships with a mixed nationality was up to 1480, those with a single nationality up to 554. On lots of the visited vessels the crew's nationality did not correspond the ships flag. From the 2044 visited vessels with a crew of mixed nationality, 554 had crews with two nationalities on board, 1010 with three or more nationalities.

Nationality	Percentage
Albanese	0,24
Algerians	0,59
Austrians	0,15
Barbados	0,05
Belgians	0,05
Bulgarians	0,59
Burmans	0,24
Capered	0,10
Chilean	0,24
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Chinese	2,79
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Cuban	0,05
Danish	0,54
Dutch	0,78
Egypt	0,29
English	2,25
Esthonian	0,05
Filipinos	23,53
French	0,73
Germans	2,59
Ghanaian	0,05
Greek	4,01
Indies	5,19
Indonesian	1,96
Irish	0,10
Israelis	0,05
Italians	8,46
Japanese	0,10

Korean	0,73
Kroates	1,57
Kuwaiti	0,10
Libyans	0,05
Litany	1,66
Madagascan	0,05
Montenegrins	0,10
Moroccan	1,66
Myanmarians	0,29
New Zealand	0,05
Norwegian	0,54
Pakistani	0,34
Peruvian	0,20
Polish	2,45
Portuguese	0,10
Ruman	1,17
Russian	8,56
Russian	6,07
Salvatorian	0,05
Saudi Arabian	0,20
Senegalese	0,05
Spanish	5,63
Sri Lanka	0,10
Swedish	0,49
Syrian	0,24
Thai	0,05
Tunisian	0,54
Ukrainians	11,20
Total	100,00

Transport service for the sailors

The Apostleship of the Sea at the moment has three vans with nine seats at its disposal, all donations of the ITF. The last one was bought in October of 2006. These cars are used as following:

To visit the vessels in the port every morning and sometimes to bring some sailors to Stella Maris or in the city centre.

Sometimes we organize football matches in the morning and we use the vans to collect the sailors at the vessel and to bring them to the field and afterwards we bring them back to the vessel again. Sometimes we also go on a trip on the weekend.

In the afternoon we always offer the transport service between Stella Maris, the city centre and the vessels.

During the year 2006 2.858 sailors made use of the transport service.

Special operation

In December there was an emergency. The vessel called "Acacia" was dragged and was listing very much some days before Christmas. The crew had to leave the ship. Stella Maris took in all 18 crew members and took care of their needs until they could return on the vessel again. Besides, we left a van with blankets at the quay of Adosado, in front of the vessel, so that the guard did not have to suffer from the cold and humidity.

Maritime Station Office

This office, situated in the International Maritime station “A” and founded in 1999 and operated there until the 10th of November, when it had to be closed due to the demolition of the building. The office was especially dedicated to the crew of cruise ships. The office offered the following services: telephone, publications, books, newspapers from different countries, e-mail, international phone cards, stamps, some souvenirs and personal items. It also offers assistance in general. Actually there have been 12 telephone lines and three computers with internet access.

During 2006, 138 cruise ships have been visited. The office received 1253 visits of crewmembers. 1412 telephone calls have been realized.

Nationality of crewmembers who have been visiting our office during 2006

Nationality	Number	Percentage
Argentina	50	3,9%
Chile	31	2,5%
Colombia	73	5,8%
Ecuador	66	5,3%
El Salvador	45	3,6%
Greece	88	7,0%
Honduras	103	8,2%
India	218	17.47,6%
Indonesia	127	10,1%
Italy	80	6,4%
Philippines	164	13,1%
Romania	84	6,7%
Others	124	9,9%
Total	1253	100,0%

During the year 2006 the traffic of the station “A” has significantly decreased in favour of the station “B”. Besides, the construction work at the station often made the access of the crew members of the cruise ships more difficult. By now there has not been found a solution.

We have started talking to the port in order to find a new place where we can go on helping the crew members of the cruise ships. By now there has not been found any solution.

THE CLUB

The Club opens every day from 17.45 to 23.00. The club has at the seafarer’s disposal the well known services like bar, games, internet connection, telephone, money change, library. The shop has available a series of articles for the seaman’s needs. Used books and other publications are also distributed. Lots seamen use our minivan service (every day from 17.00 to 23.00) to get from their ships to the city centre. On the other hand short offshore times of ships limit the stay of seamen in Barcelona overnight with the result of less visits to our club.

Total of ships with crewmembers visiting the club

	2003	2004	2005	2006
1 st . Quarter	112	88	75	66
2 nd Quarter	93	91	76	73
3 rd . Quarter	48	51	50	46
4 th . Quarter	76	72	83	84
Total	329	302	284	269

Total of crewmembers visiting the club

	2003	2004	2005	2006
1 st . Quarter	552	441	424	314

2 nd . Quarter	540	536	445	538
3 rd . Quarter	227	375	252	327
4 th . Quarter	558	496	487	401
Total	1877	1848	1608	1580

NEWSLETTER

Actually newsletters from the Philippines (daily), India, Poland, Germany and the Ukraine received by e-mail are distributed to the seafarers of the corresponding nationalities. A newsletter, published twice a week in Barcelona with information from Spain is sent to 77 ports in the world to be distributed to Spanish seafarers.

SPORTS

From April to November 2006, 14 football matches between crews from cruise ships have been played within the framework of the third Mediterranean football cup. The winner was the vessel "Delphin". Also participated in this cup the ports of Tenerife, Malaga and Venice. In addition to the football contest, 4 basketball matches have been organised.

SOCIAL ASSISTANCE

Social help and food

Each day free sandwiches have been served to seamen in the need of food. Also other different kinds of food (milk, cookies, oil, noodles, etc.) have been offered. All the food was donated by the European Food Bank and the Spanish Food Bank to merchant seafarers, fishermen and their families.

We also have distributed several products donated by the following companies: Colonias Puig, Nestlé, El Corte Ingles and Gallina Blanca. 30 vouchers per month for free meals at different locations have been distributed.

This year 112 people with social difficulties have been hosted for free. Estimated amount: 1.118 €

Social help for different concepts (assistance for crewmembers of abandoned ship, food supply, etc.) has been given up to an amount of 1.496,37 €

Labour exchange

Demand in work

During 2006, 10 seafarers from the following countries, looking for work were registered:

Spain: 4, Ecuador: 3, Russia: 1, Senegal: 1, Cuba: 1.

Two Spanish seafarers found work (1 on board, 1 ashore)

RELIGIOUS ASSISTANCE 2006

Celebrations:

06.01.06 – Celebration of Epiphany. As it is habit, presents from the three kings are given to all the residents and the assisting seafarers. Different companies donated the gifts (socks, Eau de Cologne, shaving foam, lighters, etc.).

20.01.06 – Ecumenical service with the participation of the German evangelical community and Romania, Russian Othodox community in Barcelona.

1.3.06 – Celebration of Ash Wednesday

17.3.06 - Lenten time conference by Rvd. Josep Lluís Fernandez

28.03.06 –Lenten time conference by Rvd. Josep Jubany

11.4.06 – Celebration of the penitential Eucharist

13.4.06 – Holy Thursday, Celebration of the holy mass

18.4.06 - Easter Tuesday, Celebration of the holy mass with the typical “monas” as afternoon snack

15.07.06 – Celebration of the virgin Carmen. March from St. Miquel del Port church, embarking on the “Moll dels Pescadors” wharf, sailing towards the mouth of Barcelona port and returning to the point of embarking. The holy mass is celebrated on the “Moll de Rellotge” wharf, finished by an offering to all seafarers who died this year. The day ended with a performance of some habaneras, presided over the ass. Archbishop Mons. Luíís Martínez Sistach.

24.12.06 – Christmas celebration. For the third year the sea scouts group “Azimut” prepared some cribs and donated them to the crews of several ships in the port, accompanied by Stella Maris volunteers.

A dinner for residents and friends of Stella Maris was held, followed by the celebration of the midnight mass with champagne and turrón afterwards. This year a group of 15 crew members of the vessel called “Acacia”, which arrived at Barcelona damaged, participated in the holy mass and the celebration.

Apart from these events, the holy mass was held every Sunday at 10.30 am. On the first Sundays of each month, the celebrations are donated especially to the volunteers of Stella Maris, offering afterwards a breakfast for all.

Distribution of religious material

- Flyers of special interest about Lenten time and Advent in Spanish and English with texts of the Gospel of the corresponding Sundays, reflections and prayers.
- New Testaments in different languages for seafarers.
- In the “Noticias de España” bulletin every weekend the lectures and a comment of the Gospel is included

Masses on board of the vessels

Six masses have been held on board of ships with the crews demanding religious service. One ship was blessed, after a crew member had died before and a prayer with the whole crew was organized.

Embarking of chaplains

This year chaplains have been embarking the cruise ships of company Pullmantur. In total 31 embarkations of a one week trip have been realised:

11 weeks on the vessel “Oceanic” (in the Mediterranean Sea)

11 weeks on the vessel “Holiday Dream” (in the Caribbean Sea)

1 week on the vessel “Sky Wonder” (in the Adriatic Sea)

4 weeks on the vessel “Blue Moon” (in the Baltic Sea and the Antilles)

4 weeks on the vessel “Blue Dream” (in the Mediterranean and Adriatic Sea)

During these trips the chaplains have been celebrating the mass and offering pastoral assistance to the passengers and also to the crew. The company’s feedback was very positive concerning the influence of the chaplains on the crew.

Ecumenical cooperation

A very good relationship to the German Evangelic Community, the Anglican Community, Orthodox Romanic and Orthodox Russian Church has been established by having received books in different languages to distribute between the seafarers.

Interreligious cooperation

In 2006 it has come to an agreement with the Islamic Council of Catalunya, for supplying Islamic seafarer with religious service. The Islamic Council has published a flyer that is distributed on the vessels with Islamic crew members on board. It is also available in the Club of Stella Maris. Stella Maris puts its vans to the sailors disposal so that they can get to a mosque. In the last fall we already regularly brought some seafarer of a Moroccan vessel to the mosque.

OTHER ACTIVITIES AND CELEBRATIONS

6.-9.05.06 – Conference of the Mediterranean of the ICMA in Alexandria (Egypt) where 18 delegates from Bahrain, Egypt, France, Greece, Germany, Italy, Russia, Spain, Emirates and Ukraine, all belonging to different christian confessions (Anglicans, Baptists, Lutherans, Catholics and Russian und Ukrainian Orthodox), participated. The basic subject was the impact of the Islamic culture on the maritime environment. The delegate of the Apostleship of the sea of Barcelona, in his function as coordinator of the Mediterranean Sea and the Middle East, called to this conference. He had been in this function for 9 years and laid down his office during that conference.

15. – 17.5.06 – 17th General Assembly of the Pontificate Council for migration. The delegate of the diocese of Barcelona did a presentation on the Apostleship of the sea and its assistance for Islamic seafarers.

26.5.06 at 7 pm – Annual general assembly of the Apostleship of the sea, followed by the traditional dinner for all volunteers at 9 pm. This year, the Diocesan Delegate for Social Pastoral Care Rvd. Joseph Ma. Jubany participated again.

17. – 21.9.06 – European Conference of the Apostleship of the sea for a better World in Rome. Preparation of the World Congress in 2007. On behalf of Spain the delegate of Barcelona and the General Director P. Agustin Romero de Galicia participated.

15. – 18.11.06 – 19th Conference of the people of the seas. Organized by the Welfare Committee of the Port of Barcelona.

Acts:

15.11.06 – Round table about “Do the ports satisfy the seafarers needs today?”

18.11.06 – Sports day: football championship between the teams of all dockworkers: fishermen, customs officers, workers of shipping companies and members of the nautical faculty

18.11.06 – Celebration of the OTA in the Stella Maris. Holy mass, Gospel Concert and a cold dinner.

WELFARE COMMITTEE OF THE PORT OF BARCELONA

During this year the committee held two meetings. Among the activities of the committee the following can be stressed:

Proposal of conducting a study about the needs of the crew members in the port of Barcelona, the services offered and those that would have to be offered. The project has been ordered from the UPC and presented to the port by them.

Talks about the new treaty of the OIT for the people of the sea.

The shipping companies were asked to distribute tickets for the bus among the crew members.

Organization of a sports day (football and cards) in November with participation of teams of the port of Barcelona field.

Organization of a round table: about “Do the ports satisfy the needs of the seafarers?” Moderated by Adolf Romagosa, president of the committee. The participants: Juan Zamora (Celsen), Luis Fernandez (Transcoma), Pdeo Merayo (Practico) y Ricard Rodríguez-Martos (Stella Maris).

The activities of the centre can be divided into the following sections:

FIRST - Consulting in the centre

SECOND - Activities and consulting outside the centre

THIRD - Participation in conferences and seminars

FIRST – Consulting in the centre

The daily consulting in the office of the centre is the main activity. In case of being without success, the cases have been transferred to other experts or institutions (social assistants, ITF, Generalitat de Catalunya, City Hall, social services, etc.). People consulting the Maritime law centre have been both, residents of Stella Maris or external seafarers. The most frequent consultations have been about:

- a. Consultings in foreign affairs
- b. Consultings in the field of retirement pensions and sickness compensations
- c. Consultings in the field of working conditions and salaries, extra hours, etc.

A part of these consultations have been made by seafarer with urgent problems that had to be solved immediately. Such as the case of a crew that had to disembark because of an accident of work. They were sent to their native countries without supplying them with an appropriate medical care on behalf of the company. Moreover the case of one seafarer who claimed bad treatment and wanted to disembark immediately.

SECOND - Activities and consulting outside the centre

Among others, the following cases can be stressed:

- Law assistance to two Filipino seamen that had been beaten at the Villa Olímpica by members of the authority. Legal proceedings were instituted at the Juzgado de Guardia and their commanders informed.
- Law assistance to a Honduran seaman of a cruise ship who had disembarked because of a bad ophthalmic treatment on board of the vessel. Negotiations with the commander. Finally obtained a guarantee for medical care in his native country.
- Law assistance to a Filipino seaman who claimed to bad treatment on board of the ship and talks with the captain and the seaman could return home.
- Law assistance to a Spanish fisherman who had been attacked on the quay. Legal proceedings were instituted at the Juzgado de Guardia.
- Meetings on board of the vessel “IRA” and with its crew that had disembarked. Several talks with the ITF and initiating the proceedings to repatriate the last seaman.

THIRD - Participation in conferences and projects in recently started (Domingo González)

Participation in conferences:

June 2006: Participation at the “FAMAR” – 1st Andalusian Fair – District of Andalusia, on the Island Cristina

October 2006: Conference of the University of Nantes about seafarer’s rights. A report about the abandoned ships and crews was published.

Meetings at the OIT: February 2006, Participation at the meeting of the OIT about the treaty for the people of the sea as member of the observation committee of the ICMA

Articles: November 2006 “The abandoned crews in Spain 2000 – 2005”. Revista Mar.