



DELEGACIÓ DIOCESANA DE L' APOSTOLAT DEL MAR

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REPORT 2007

Start of project: 1st of January 2007

End of project: 31st of December 2007

ACCOMMODATION

Occupied beds: total: 7.863; According to our maximum capacity of 32 beds per day and being opened 335 days per year (just closed for holidays in August) the annual occupation was 73.35%. During this year we hosted 1.034 persons.

Statistic dates 2007

Days of stage

Stage	2007	Percentage
Less than one week	787	76.11
One to two weeks	180	17.41
Two to four weeks	37	3.58
One month to two months	13	1.26
Two to four months	10	0.97
More than four months	7	0.67
	1.034	100

Age of guests

Age of guests	2007	Percentage
Under 20 years	32	3.09
Between 21 and 30 years	152	14.8
Between 31 and 40 years	372	35.98
Between 41 and 50 years	249	24.08
Between 51 and 60 years	135	13.06
Over 60 years	51	4.93
Not mentioned	43	4.06
	1.034	100

Civil status of guests

Civil status	2007	Percentage
Unmarried	419	40.52
Married	506	48.94
Widowed	6	0.58
Divorced	25	2.42
Not mentioned	78	7.54
	1.034	100

Profession of guests

Profession	2007	Percentage
Sailors	854	82.59
Fishermen	34	3.29
Students of nautical	27	2.61
Families of sailors	35	3.38
Divers	40	3.87
Stella Maris	12	1.16
Not mentioned	32	3.10
	1.034	100

Labour status

Labour status	2007	Percentage
Retired	21	2.03
Working	884	85.49
Unemployed	3	0.29
On holidays	6	0.58
Various *	74*	7.15
Not mentioned	46	4.45
	1034	100

* Students 27, Families 35, Stella Maris 12, total 74

Number of guests

year	2006	2007	Percentage 2006/2007
guests	744	1.034	+38.87

Number of beds and percentage of occupation

year	2006	2007	Percentage 2006/2007
amount	8719	7.863	-9.82

Nationality guests

Nationality	Number	Percentage
Argentine	11	1.45
Brazilian	3	0.29
Bulgarian	4	0.39
Burundi	1	0.1
Canadian	3	0.29
Chilean	23	2.24
Colombian	18	1.74
Costa Rican	1	0.1
Cuban	2	0.19
Dutch	8	0.77
Ecuadorian	1	0.1
English	15	1.45
Esthonian	1	0.1
Finish	61	5.9
French	5	0.48
German	11	1.06
Ghanaian	2	0.19
Greek	4	0.39
Guatemalan	7	0.68
Honduran	22	2.13
Italian	17	1.64
Mauritanian	1	0.1
Moroccan	18	1.74
Nigerian	1	0.1
Norwegian	2	0.19
Peruvian	11	1.9
Philippine	2	0.19
Polish	32	3.09
Portuguese	5	0.48
Romanian	12	1.16
Russian	3	0.29
Scottish	1	0.1
Senegalese	1	0.1
Slovakian	1	0.1
Slovenian	1	0.1
Spanish	664	64.21

Swedish	4	0.39
Turkish	6	0.58
Ukrainian	3	0.29
USA	4	0.39
Not mentioned	38	3.67
Total	744	100

VISITS TO SHIPS IN THE PORT OF BARCELONA IN 2007

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 three vans with 9 seats each. In total 2.280 ships sailing under the following flags have been visited:

Ship's flag	No of vessels visited	Percentage
Albania	48	2.10
Algeria	11	0.48
Antigua	61	2.67
Austria	11	0.48
Bahamas	32	1.40
Belgium	3	0.13
Belize	2	0.09
Bermudas	25	1.10
Bulgaria	12	0.53
Burma	2	0.09
Cambodia	2	0.09
Canada	1	0.04
China	65	2.85
Crete	3	0.13
Croatia	3	0.13
Cyprus	47	2.06
Denmark	28	1.22
Egypt	5	0.22
Emirates	16	0.70
Estonia	1	0.04
France	27	1.18
Georgia	3	0.13
Germany	71	3.11
Gibraltar	15	0.66
Great Britain	111	4.87
Greece	75	3.29
Hong Kong	6	0.26
Hungary	1	0.04
Iraq	1	0.04
Ireland	6	0.26
Isle of Man	4	0.17
Italy	124	5.43
Jamaica	9	0.39
Japan	9	0.39
Korea	5	0.22
Liberia	188	8.16

Lithuania	4	0.17
Luxembourg	2	0.08
Madeira	2	0.08
Malaysia	1	0.04
Malta	165	7.23
Marshall Islands	78	3.42
Morocco	24	1.05
Nassau	19	0.83
Netherlands	78	3.42
Norway	58	2.54
Panama	415	18.20
Peru	1	0.04
Philippines	19	0.83
Poland	7	0.31
Portugal	7	0.31
Russia	31	1.36
Saint. Vincent Grenadine	9	0.39
Singapore	32	1.40
Spain	176	7.72
Sweden	5	0.22
Tunisia	5	0.22
Turkey	104	4.56
USA	5	0.22
Total	2.280	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 1.521 (1.098 with two different nationalities, and 423 with three or more), those with a single nationality up to 759. On lots of the visited vessels the crew's nationality did not correspond the ships flag. In the following table, the percentages of the different nationalities of the ships visited are shown.

Nationality	Percentage
Albanese	1.32
Algerians	0,38
Bahamas	0.03
Bangla Desh	0.24
Belgians	0.08
Bolivians	0.34
Borneo	0.03
Bulgarians	2.42
Burmese	0.16
Capered	0.11
Chilean	0.24
Chinese	2,66
Colombians	0.43
Croats	3.86
Cuban	0.08
Danish	0.56
Dutch	1.16
Ecuadorians	0.08
Egypt	0.35
English	2.18
Esthonian	0.03
Filipinos	26.69

French	0.62
Georgians	0.62
Germans	2,34
Ghanaian	0.19
Greeks	2.80
Guatemalan	0.08
Hungarian	0.03
Indies	5.92
Indonesian	1.56
Iranians	0.03
Iraqis	0.03
Irish	0.08
Israelis	0.05
Italians	3.74
Japanese	0.38
Korean	1.08
Latvian	0.22
Lithuanian	0.35
Malay	0.38
Mexican	0.03
Montenegro	0.67
Moroccan	0.48
Nassau	0.03
Nigerians	0.03
Norwegian	0.70
Pakistani	0.59
Panamanian	0.05
Peruvian	0.16
Poles	4.36
Portuguese	0.16
Romanian	3.36
Russian	6.83
Salvatorian	0.05
Scottish	0.03
Senegalese	0.05
Serbian	0.43
Spanish	4.87
Swedish	0.13
Syrian	0.24
Thai	0.16
Tunisian	0.24
Turkish	3.42
Ukrainians	8.80
USA	0.19
Vanuatu	0.05
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 2007, 3.015 sailors made use of the transport service.

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 exchange and a library. The shop has available a series of articles for the seaman's needs. Used books and other publications are also distributed. Many seamen use our minivan service (every day from 17.00 to 23.00) to get from their ships to the city centre. We would like to point out the noticeable increase of seamen who have visited our club.

Total of ships with crewmembers visiting the club

	2004	2005	2006	2007
1 st . Quarter	88	75	66	77
2 nd . Quarter	91	76	73	92
3 rd . Quarter	51	50	46	63
4 th . Quarter	72	83	84	137
Total	302	284	269	369

Total of crewmembers visiting the club

	2004	2005	2006	2007
1 st . Quarter	441	424	314	568
2 nd . Quarter	536	445	538	643
3 rd . Quarter	375	252	327	288
4 th . Quarter	496	487	401	432
Total	1848	1608	1580	1931

NEWSLETTER

Nowadays, newsletters from the Philippines, India, Poland, Germany and Russia-Ukraine are received regularly by e-mail, and from time to time, are received from other countries. Those publications are distributed to the seafarers of the corresponding nationalities. A newsletter, published three times a week in Barcelona with information from Spain is sent to 81 ports in the world to be distributed to Spanish seafarers.

SPORTS

From April to November 2007, 16 football matches between crews from cruise ships have been played within the framework of the fifth Mediterranean & Black Sea Football Cup. The winner was the vessel "Costa Fortuna". Also participated in this cup the ports of Tenerife, Malaga and Yalta. 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. 27 vouchers per month for free meals at different locations have been distributed.

This year, 20 people with social difficulties have been hosted for free. Estimated amount: 185 €

Social help for different concepts (assistance for crewmembers of abandoned ship, food supply, repatriations, etc.) has been given up to an amount of 1.325,85 €

Job vacancies

Demand in work

During 2007, 30 seafarers from the following countries, looking for work were registered:

Spain: 7, Chile: 7, Argentina: 5, Colombia: 2, Morocco: 2, Ecuador: 1, Uruguay: 1, Peru: 1, Turkey: 1, Pakistan: 1, Kenya: 1, Ghana: 1

Two Spanish seafarers, two Colombians and one Chilean were able to find a job through Stella Maris.

RELIGIOUS ASSISTANCE 2007

Celebrations:

06.01.07 – Celebration of Epiphany. As it is usual, presents from The Three Kings were given to all the residents and the assisting seafarers. Different companies donated the gifts (socks, Eau de Cologne, shaving foam, lighters, etc.).

01.02.07 – Ecumenical service with the participation of the German evangelical community, the Anglican community and the Romanian and Russian Orthodox communities in Barcelona.

21.02.07 – Celebration of Ash Wednesday

07.03.07 - Lenten time conference by Rvd. Emilià Almodóvar

22.03.07 – Lenten time conference by Rvd. Francisco Lara

05.04.07 – Holy Thursday, Celebration of the holy mass

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

14.07.07 – 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 Relotge” 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. Auxiliar Barcelona Archbishop Mons. Joan Carrera.

13.11.07 Inter-religious celebration with the participation of: Consejo Islámico de Catalunya (Muslims), Comunidad Israelita de Barcelona (Jews) and Stella Maris (Christian Catholics). Some prayers and thoughts were said, and also some songs were sung. After all of that, an afternoon snack with typical dishes was offered to the assistants.

17.11.07 – Celebration of the Holy Mass, and a party on occasion of the closing session of the XX Seafarers' Workshop.

24.12.06 – Christmas celebration. For the sixth 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 Philippine and Pakistani seafarers join us during the dinner and the Mass

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

- Leaflets 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, distributed through 81 ports, 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. The Philippine priest P. Bernie celebrated four of them.

Ship blessings

El 30.10.07, two new tugs of the enterprise Rebarsa were blessed, with the attendance of the President of Barcelona Port and a representative of the Catalan Government.

Embarking of chaplains

For the third consecutive year, chaplains have been embarking the cruise ships of company Pullmantur. In total 40 embarkations of a one week trip have been realised:

- 13 weeks on the vessel "Oceanic" (in the Mediterranean Sea)
- 1 week on the vessel "Zenith" (in the Mediterranean and the Adriatic Sea)
- 5 weeks on the vessel "Sky Wonder" (in the Adriatic Sea)
- 5 weeks on the vessel "Pacific"
- 12 weeks on the vessel "Holiday Dream" (in the Caribbean Sea)
- 4 weeks on the vessel "Blue Moon" (in the Baltic Sea and the Antilles)

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 and the passengers.

Ecumenical cooperation

A very good relationship with the German Evangelic Community, the Anglican Community, Orthodox Romanian and Orthodox Russian Church has been established, as they actively collaborate in some of our workshops. In addition, the Anglican Community regularly hand in some English books in order to be distributed within seamen.

Interreligious cooperation

In 2007 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 leaflet that is distributed on the vessels with Islamic crew members on board. It is also available at the Stella Maris' Club. Stella Maris puts its vans to the sailors' disposal so that they can get to a mosque. For the first time, an inter-religious meeting was celebrated this year this the participation of the Islamic Council of Catalunya and the Jews Community in Barcelona.

OTHER ACTIVITIES AND CELEBRATIONS

2 – 5.05.07 – Conference of the International Association for the Study of Maritime Mission., which gathered 9 delegates from USA, United Kingdom, China, Canada and Spain (Barcelona).

18.05.07 – Annual General Assembly of the Apostleship of the Sea followed by a dinner for the volunteers.

24 – 29.06.07 – XXII World Congress of the Apostleship of the Sea in Gdynia (Poland). The Diocesan Delegate of Barcelona was on the Spanish Delegation. The Congress dealt about: "In solidarity with

Seamen, Witnesses of Hope through the Word, the Liturgy and the Deaconate". 270 delegates from 60 countries all over the world attended the Congress.

13 – 17.11.07 XX Seafarers' Workshop, organized by the Welfare Committee with Seafarers

13.11.07 – Inter-religious meeting

15.11.07 - Round table: "The working team about social corporative responsibility of Barcelona Port"

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

- Celebration of the Holy mass and folkloric party in the Stella Maris centre.

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:

Study for the best situation for a new office for seafarers at the Muelle Adosado, actions to be taken to promote a good communication between shipping agents, dockers and Stella Maris, for a better service to seafarers.

Representation of the Committee through its president and secretary, in the working team about social corporative responsibility of Barcelona Port.

Organization of a sports day (football) in November with participation of teams of the Customs, Tugs, Fishermen and Nautical Faculty.

Organization of a round table: about "Working team about social corporative responsibility of the Port" Moderated by Adolf Romagosa, president of the committee, and the participants: Enrique Andreu (Fundación Cares), M. Carmen Pérez (APB), Eduard Segarra (Fundación Logística Justa) and Ricardo Rodríguez Martos (Stella Maris).

ACTIVITIES OF THE CENTER OF SEAFARERS' RIGHTS (Centro de los Derechos del Marino)

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 consulted matters 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 consultings 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.

We would like to highlight the questions asked via e-mail about legal rights for seafarers about compensations for industrial accidents. The new form for legal questions in the web page have helped to send and answer this kind of matters.

SECOND - Activities and consulting outside the centre

Among others, the following cases can be stressed:

- Law assistance to the crew of the ship "Isabel I", with Albanian flag, and Albans crew. Unpaid salaries. Meetings with the crew at Stella Maris. Extrajudicial negotiations with the shipowner in collaboration with IFT.
- Proceedings with Police border in order to get the Visa for three seamen of Isabel I.

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

Participation in conferences:

March 2007. Publication of an article "The abandonment of ships in French Ports". Revista Mar.

16 April 2007. Conference "Social and economical impact of fishing in Spain" at the Seminar about fishing diversification. Philippe Cousteau Foundation- Secretaría General de Pesca Marítima.

19 April de 2007. Conference "Memorandum of París. Application at the Spanish Ports" at the VI Week of San Telmo in the Centro Superior de Marina Civil de Tenerife.

Junio 2007. Conference "Un protocole espagnol: Comment agir en cas d'abandon de navire en prevention en rapport avec la convention de fevrier 2006, alternativement avec la convention 155" at the Observatory for seafarers' rights of Nantes University

June 2007. Participation at the OIT as ICMA member in the debates and decisions about the Fishing Convention. Geneva.

June 2007. Conference "Social protection of seafarers in case of abandonment" at the Port Authority of Bilbao. Basque Country University