



DELEGACIÓ DIOCESANA DE L' APOSTOLAT DEL MAR

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REPORT 2008

Start of project: 1st of January 2008

End of project: 31st of December 2008

ACCOMMODATION

Occupied beds: total: 7.690; 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 71.73 %. During this year we hosted 939 persons.

Statistic dates 2008

Days of stage

Stage	2008	Percentage
Less than one week	7.34	78.17
One to two weeks	121	12.88
Two to four weeks	50	5.32
One month to two months	14	1.5
Two to four months	10	1.06
More than four months	10	1.06
	939	100

Age of guests

Age of guests	2008	Percentage
Under 20 years	29	3.09
Between 21 and 30 years	176	18.74
Between 31 and 40 years	239	25.45
Between 41 and 50 years	284	30.25
Between 51 and 60 years	120	12.78
Over 60 years	64	6.82
Not mentioned	27	2.87
	939	100

Civil status of guests

Civil status	2008	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	677	72.10
Fishermen	10	1.07
Students of nautical	13	1.38
Families of sailors	41	4.36
Divers	42	4.46
Catering personnel from cruises	110	11.72
Stella Maris	16	1.70
Not mentioned	30	3.19
	939	100

Labour status

Labour status	2008	Percentage
Retired	19	2.02
Working	830	88.39
Unemployed	7	0.75
On holidays	12	1.28
Various *	56	5.96
Not mentioned	15	1.6
	939	100

* Students 13, Families 31, Stella Maris 12, total 56

Number of guests

year	2007	2008	Percentage 2007/2008
guests	1.034	939	-10.12%

Number of beds and percentage of occupation

year	2007	2008	Percentage 2007/2008
amount	7863	7690	-2.20%

Nationality guests

Nationality	Number	Percentage
Argentine	6	0.64
Australian	6	0.64
Austrian	2	0.21
Belgian	2	0.21
Byelorussian	3	0.32
Brazilian	6	0.64
Bulgarian	2	0.21
Chilean	15	1.6
Colombian	25	2.66
Costa Rican	2	0.21
Cuban	2	0.32
English	30	3.19
Finish	26	2.77
French	13	1.36
German	14	1.49
Ghanaian	1	0.11
Greek	5	0.53
Guatemalan	2	0.21
Honduran	20	2.13
Hungarian	2	0.21
Italian	12	1.28
Moroccan	14	1.49
Norwegian	1	0.21
Pakistanis	3	0.32
Panamanian	1	0.11
Peruvian	17	1.81
Polish	17	1.81
Romanian	9	0.96
Russian	13	1.38
Serbian	1	0.11
Slovakian	1	0.11
Spanish	601	64.0
Swedish	15	1.60
Tanzanian	1	0.11
Trinidad Tobago	1	0.11
Tunisian	1	0.11

Ukrainian	6	0.64
USA	3	0.32
Vietnamese	4	0.42
Not mentioned	28	2.98
Total	939	100

VISITS TO SHIPS IN THE PORT OF BARCELONA IN 2008

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 2.060 ships sailing under the following flags have been visited:

Ship's flag	No of vessels visited	Percentage
Albania	3	0.15
Algeria	5	0.24
Antigua	37	1.8
Austria	9	0.44
Bahamas	36	1.25
Belgium	9	0.44
Bermudas	16	0.78
Bulgaria	9	0.44
Byelorussia	1	0.05
Canada	1	0.05
Cayman Islands	1	0.05
China	18	0.87
Cyprus	22	1.07
Czech Republic	1	0.05
Denmark	48	2.33
Emirates	4	0.19
France	34	1.65
Germany	227	11.02
Gibraltar	39	1.89
Great Britain	30	3.49
Greece	70	3.4
Guiana	2	0.1
Holland	61	2.96
India	6	0.29
Israel	10	0.49
Italy	144	6.99
Jamaica	3	0.15
Japan	36	1.75
Korea	15	0.73
Liberia	64	3.11
Lithuania	8	0.39
Madeira	1	0.05
Malaysia	3	0.15
Malta	200	9.71
Marshall Islands	77	3.74
Morocco	9	0.44
Nassau	6	0.29

Norway	66	3.2
Oman	6	0.29
Panama	365	17.72
Philippines	2	0.10
Poland	10	0.49
Portugal	4	0.19
Russia	11	0.53
Saint. Vincent Grenadine	3	0.15
Saudi Arabia	6	0.29
Seychelles	3	0.15
Singapore	40	1.94
Slovenia	2	0.10
Spain	150	7.28
Sri Lanka	2	0.1
Sweden	6	0.29
Thailand	1	0.05
Tunisia	4	0.19
Turkey	75	3.64
USA	4	0.19
Vanuatu	2	0.1
Total	2.060	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 1.090, those with a single nationality up to 970. On lots of the visited vessels the crew's nationality did not correspond the ships flag. 970 out of 2.060 visited ships had only one nationality, 867 had two nationalities and 223 had more than two. In the following table, the percentages of the different nationalities of the ships visited are shown.

Nationality	Percentage
Albanese	0.096
Algerians	0,064
Argentinean	0.064
Austrian	0.096
Bahamas	0.032
Bangla Desh	0.128
Barbados	0.064
Belgians	0.064
Bolivians	0.032
Bulgarians	1.284
Cambodian	0.032
Chilean	0.417
Chinese	1.926
Croats	2.856
Cuban	0.257
Danish	0.353
Dutch	0.610
Ecuadorians	0.032
Egypt	0.385
English	1.155
Filipinos	30.263
French	0.770
Georgians	0.064
Germans	5.086

Greeks	1.861
Hungarian	0.513
Indies	7.606
Indonesian	1.637
Iranians	0.096
Israelis	0.096
Italians	5.520
Jamaican	0.160
Japanese	0.160
Korean	1.059
Lebanese	0.128
Lithuanian	0.578
Malay	0.096
Maldives	0.193
Montenegro	0.385
Moroccan	0.257
Norwegian	0.193
Pakistani	1.540
Panamanian	0.064
Peruvian	0.481
Poles	3.530
Portuguese	0.321
Romanian	2.311
Russian	8.697
Salvatorian	0.128
Saudi Arabian	0.064
Senegalese	0.096
Serbian	0.128
Spanish	4.814
Sri Lanka	0.417
Swedish	0.064
Syrian	0.128
Thai	0.064
Tunisian	0.225
Turkish	3.370
Ukrainians	9.531
USA	0.128
Vanuatu	0.064
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. These cars are used to visit vessels in the port every morning, and sometimes to bring some sailors to Stella Maris or to 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 at weekends.

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

INTERNATIONAL MARITIME OFFICE

This office, placed at the International Terminal "C", was opened at the end of April 2008. The beginnings haven't been easy, because its location is a bit hidden and the signs required were set up at the end of the year and not completely done. This office has 6 telephone lines and 4 computers with Internet access. Furthermore, sailors can find maritime publications, news from different countries, books and telephone cards. Assistance and advice are also provided. During 2008, 553 sailors have visited us, doing 490 telephone calls and 424 Internet connections were established.

Crews by nationality who have visited our office:

Nationality	percentage
Filipinos	27,0
Indonesians	20.5
Colombians	11.2
Hondurans	9.0
Chileans	5.5
Peruvians	4,5
Indians	4.5
Brazilians	4.0
Guatemalans	2.0
Romanians	2.0
Argentines	1.5
British	1.0
Sri Lanka	1.0
Ukrainians	1.0

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

	2005	2006	2007	2008
1 st . Quarter	75	66	77	124
2 nd . Quarter	76	73	92	142
3 rd . Quarter	50	46	63	82
4 th . Quarter	83	84	137	136
Total	284	269	369	484

Total of crewmembers visiting the club

	2005	2006	2007	2008
1 st . Quarter	424	314	568	323
2 nd . Quarter	445	538	643	618
3 rd . Quarter	252	327	288	323
4 th . Quarter	487	401	432	442
Total	1608	1580	1931	1906

NEWSLETTER

Nowadays, newsletters from the Philippines, India, Poland, Germany, Russia and Ukraine are received regularly by e-mail. 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 2008, 20 football matches between crews from cruise ships have been played within the framework of the sixth Mediterranean & Black Sea Football Cup. The winner was the vessel "Costa Mágica". Also participated in this cup the port of Yalta, at the Black Sea. The 8th November, within the framework of the Jornadas de la Gente de Mar, a football tournament was held between some teams of the maritime and harbour community, and the winner was the team of the cruise Delphin.

SOCIAL ASSISTANCE

Social help and food

Each day free sandwiches have been served to seamen in the need of food, at an average of 40 per month. Also other different kinds of food (milk, cookies, oil, noodles, etc.) have been offered. The European Food Bank and the Spanish Food Bank to merchant seafarers, fishermen and their families, donated all the food.

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.

137 free overnight stays have been offered to people in economic trouble, at an approximate cost of 1370 €.

Social help for different concepts (assistance for crewmembers of abandoned ship, food supply, repatriations, etc.) has been given up to an amount of 7.380 €.

Job vacancies

Demand in work

During 2008, 22 seafarers from the following countries, looking for work were registered:

Spain: 6, Ecuador: 3, Honduras: 3, Chile: 2, Argentina: 2, Cuba; 2, Russia: 1, Morocco: 1, Nigeria: 1, and Senegal: 1.

One Spanish seafarer was able to find a job through Stella Maris.

RELIGIOUS ASSISTANCE 2007

Celebrations:

06.01.08 – 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.). Several sailors from Philippines and Indonesia attended the celebration.

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

06.02.08 – Celebration of Ash Wednesday

19.02.08 - Lenten time conference

04.03.08 – Lenten time conference

25.03.08 – Celebration of Easter Sunday. Celebration of the holy mass with the typical "monas" as afternoon snack

19.07.08 – 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, where the holy mass was celebrated, finishing with an offering to all seafarers who died this year. The day ended with a performance of some habaneras.

04.11.08 – Inter-religious celebration with the participation of: the crew of the ship Stratis II (Muslims), Comunidad Israelita de Barcelona (Jews), Sakya Tashi Ling (Buddhists) and Stella Maris (Christian Catholics). Some prayers and thoughts were said, flowers were distributed among the assistants and the Decalogue of Assisi for peace was read. After all of that, an afternoon snack with typical dishes was offered to the assistants.

08.11.08 – Celebration of the Holy Mass, presided by the Cardinal Archbishop of Barcelona Mons. Lluís Martínez Sistach, was held at the Sant Josep Oriol Church, to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Diocesan Delegate of the Apostleship of the Sea in Barcelona Mn. Ricard Rodríguez-Martos Dauer.

24.12.08 – Christmas celebration. For the seventh 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 turron afterwards. This year a group of Filipino and Russian 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 weekend issue of “Noticias de España”, distributed through 81 ports, the lectures and a comment of the Gospel are included.

Masses on board of the vessels

Four masses have been held on board of ships with the crews demanding religious service, celebrated by the Filipino priest P. Bernie.

Ship blessings

The oil tanker Greenoil, the Cruise Barcelona and four auxiliary vessels of the enterprise Rebarsa were blessed.

Embarking of chaplains

For the fifth consecutive year, chaplains have been embarking the cruise ships of company Pullmantur. In total 57 embarkations of a one week trip have been realised:

- 9 weeks on the vessel “Oceanic” (in the Mediterranean Sea)
- 7 weeks on the vessel “Ocean Dream” (in the Mediterranean Sea)
- 6 weeks on the vessel “Zenith” (in the Adriatic Sea)
- 10 weeks on the vessel “Blue de France” (in the Mediterranean and Caribbean Sea)
- 20 weeks on the vessel “Empress” (in the Caribbean and Baltic Sea)
- 5 weeks on the vessel “Sly Wonder” (in the Aegean Sea)

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. The Romanian priest P. Aurel Bunda has celebrated an orthodox ceremony onboard a Greek ship.

Interreligious cooperation

On February 25th, 2008, the Grupo de Trabajo Estable de Religiones (GTER) awarded the Apostleship of the Sea in Barcelona the first award for the Coexistence and Interreligious Dialogue. The award was

given for promoting the understanding and the coexistence between seafarers of different religions, providing them admittance and working for their welfare. The General Director of Religious Affairs de la Generalitat de Catalunya was presiding the ceremony, as well as the Regidor de los Derechos Civiles from the Barcelona Mayor and the authorise of the different religions. The President of the Port Authority of Barcelona also took part in it.

In 2008, two Muslim seafarers were transferred to the Mosque, and with the collaboration of the Islamic Council of Catalunya, *halal* foodstuff could be delivered to the Muslim seafarers of the abandoned crew of Stratis II. Good relationship with the Jews Community in Barcelona has been kept, and with the Buddhist Monastery in Garraf has been established.

OTHER ACTIVITIES AND CELEBRATIONS

18.04.08 – Annual Assembly of the Apostleship of the Sea and dinner with all volunteer members. The 50th Anniversary of Jesús García as secretary of the centre was also celebrated.

15-16.09.08 – Basic training course for ship visitors, organised by “International Committee on Seafarers Welfare”. 3 volunteers from Barcelona, one from Tarragona, priests from the port of Santos (Brazil) and Durban (South Africa) as well as the Chilean Inspector from ITF attended the course.

17-19.09.08 – Course for trainers of ship visitors, organised by “International Committee on Seafarers Welfare”. Priests from the port of Santos (Brazil) and Durban (South Africa) as well as the Chilean Inspector from ITF and the Delegate of AOS Barcelona attended the course.

30.10.08 – Participation and presentation of a lecture at the 1st Seminar about Corporative Social Responsibility organised by the Port Authority of Barcelona.

4–8.11.08 XXI Seafarers’ Workshop, organized by the Welfare Committee with Seafarers

04.11.08– Inter-religious meeting, with the participation of Muslims, Buddhists, Jews and Catholics.

06.11.08– Round table: “The future of the nautical professionals”

08.11.08– Sports morning: football championship between the teams of all dockworkers: fishermen, customs officers, workers of shipping companies and members of the nautical faculty and Delphin’s crew. The winner was Delphin’s crew.

Afternoon: Holy mass at Sant Josep Oriol church, celebrated by the Mons. Luis Martínez Sistach, to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the diaconal ordination of the Diocesan Delegate of the Apostleship of the Sea in Barcelona, Mn. Ricardo Rodríguez-Martos.

24–26.11.08 – Conference of the Mediterranean Region, Black Sea and Middle East of ICMA (International Christian Maritime Association) which the participation of the representatives of organisations of Ukraine, Russia, Romania, Bulgaria, Italy, France, Poland and Spain. During the conference, the Delegate of Barcelona was elected new coordinator for the next three years.

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:

- Placement of the new office for the assistance of crews of cruise ships 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.
- Inauguration of the Welfare Committee in Santa Cruz de Tenerife Port, with similar tasks to this committee.

Organisation of a round table: about “The future of the nautical profession” with the lectures of Ricard Marí (Decano de la Facultad de Náutica), Beatriz Porras (Capitán de la Marina Mercante) and Araiz Basurto (de ANAVE), and moderated by Adolfo Romagosa (Presidente del Comité). It was held at the Facultad de Náutica.

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

Organisation of the football championship between the teams of all dockworkers: fishermen, customs officers, workers of shipping companies and members of the nautical faculty and Delphin’s crew. The winner was Delphin’s crew. The day ended up with a lunch.

ACTIVITIES OF THE CENTER OF SEAFARERS’ RIGHTS (Centro de los Derechos del Marino)
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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 seafarers with urgent problems that had to be solved immediately.

We would like to highlight the questions asked via e-mail about legal rights for seafarers about compensations for industrial accidents, seafarers who are onboard a ship or foreign seafarers who need information about their rights on ships of different flags.

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 Alban crew. The ship is retained at the Barcelona Port, and the last two seafarers, although they receive some money for food, have still unpaid salaries. One other sailor was repatriated and meetings with the crew and ITF were held at Stella Maris to inform them about their rights and the possible solutions.
- Law assistance to the crew of the ship “Stratis II”, with Panama flag and Pakistani crew, abandoned by the shipowner. Meetings with the crew and ITF were held in order to find the best solution for their rights. During the whole year, and thanks to some negotiations with the Port Authority, an electrical generation was obtained and some help. Proceedings to get the Visa for the repatriation of one sailor were done.

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

Participation in conferences:

14-18 April 2008. Lecture about the work done by the OIT/OMI about abandoned crews, and death. Jornadas de San Telmo. Apostolado del Mar de Tenerife. Universidad de La Laguna-Escuela Náutica. Tenerife

25-29 August 2008. Lecture about institutional strengthening and formation on the 188 agreement about the working conditions in the fishing sector. Bamio.

18-19 December 2008. Lecture during the course about the rights of men and maritime work: abandoned crews, welfare and repatriations of seafarers. Administrative seizure of ships and creations of the OIT database of abandoned ships. Universidad del País Vasco. Bilbao.