



APOSTOLADO DEL MAR "STELLA MARIS"

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REPORT 2018

Start of project: January 1st, 2018

End of project: December 31st, 2018

ACCOMMODATION

Occupied beds Total 7085. 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 **65.9%**. During this year **we hosted 684 people.**

Statistical data:

Length of stay of guests

<u>Length of stay</u>	2018	Percentage
Less than one week	526	76.90
One to two weeks	89	13.01
Two to four weeks	54	7.90
One month to four months	5	0.73
More than four months	10	1.46
	684	100

<u>Profession</u>	Year 2018	Percentage
Sailors	403	58.91
Fishermen	50	7.31
Nautical studies students	13	1.90
Families of sailors	59	8.63
Divers	77	11.26
Catering personnel from cruises, other	41	6.00
Other staff from Stella Maris	4	0.58
Not mentioned	37	5.41
	684	100

<u>Work status</u>	2018	Percentage
Retired	23	3.36
Working	574	83.92
Unemployed	25	3.66
Not mentioned	62	9.06
	684	100

Comparison 2017/2018

<u>Guests</u>	Year 2018	Year 2017	Percentage 2017/2018
<u>Number</u>	684	765	- 8.9%
<u>Beds</u>	Year 2018	Year 2017	Percentage 2017/2018
<u>Number</u>	7085	7565	- 6.38%

Nationality of guests

Nationality	Number	Nationality	Number	Nationality	Number
German	2	Filipino	3	Polish	17
Algerian	4	Finnish	3	Peruvian	6
Argentinian	14	French	4	Portuguese	2
Armenian	1	Greek	32	Romanian	8
Belarusian	1	Georgian	1	Russian	1
British	8	Honduran	15	Salvadoran	1
Bosnian	3	Dutch	3	Senegalese	30
Czech	2	Indian	5	Sri Lanka	3
Colombian	3	Irish	1	Swedish	5
Korea	1	Italian	13	Ukrainian	10
Chilean	2	Kiribati	1	Uruguayan	7
Cuban	2	Latvian	2	USA	2
Slovakian	1	Moroccan	10		
Spanish	439	New Zealander	1	Total	684

VISITS TO SHIPS IN THE PORT OF BARCELONA

Visits to ships, every day from Monday to Sunday, to welcome the crew, ask for their necessities, provide them with information, publications, city maps, especially to offer them our services and SIM phone cards to communicate with relatives, and to bring them into the city centre by using two vans with a capacity of 9 seats each. In total **2589 ships** under the following flags have been visited. Most relevant are Malta (496), Panama (368) and Liberia (321).

Ship's flag	Number	Percentage	Ship's flag	Number	Percentage
Algeria	5	0.12	Cook Islands	2	0.07
Saudi Arabia	20	0.77	Marshall Islands	183	7.07
Antigua and Barbuda	17	0.66	Cayman Islands	21	0.61
Germany	60	2.32	Israel	1	0.04
Algeria	5	0.12	Italy	107	4.13
Bahamas	98	3.78	Japan	18	0.69
Bermuda	36	1.39	Liberia	310	11.97
China	35	1.35	Luxembourg	7	0.27
Cyprus	35	1.35	Malta	483	16.65
Korea	2	0.07	Mongolia	26	1.00
Comoros	4	0.15	Nassau	2	0.07
Croatia	6	0.24	Norway	22	0.85
Denmark	23	0.88	Panama	349	13.48
Egypt	1	0.04	Portugal	122	4.71
Spain	20	0.77	Russia	18	0.07
Philippines	2	0.07	Saint Vincent	5	0.12
France	17	0.66	Singapore	125	4.83
Gibraltar	19	0.73	Sweden	2	0.07
Greece	2	0.07	Togo	2	0.07
The Netherlands	24	0.93	Turkish	30	1.16
Hong Kong	105	4.05	Ukraine	1	0.04
Great Britain	68	2.63	Vanuatu	4	0.15
Ireland	8	0.31			
Isle of Man	2	0.07	Total	2589	100

Nationality of crew members

The nationality of crew members of the ships visited is very diverse. Following are the percentages of the different nationalities of the ships. As usual, Filipinos (38.10%), Ukrainian (13.18%), Indian (10.39%) and Russian (8.54%) are most numerous.

Nationality	Percentage	Nationality	Percentage
Albanian	0.10	Indian	10.39
Arab	0.02	Indonesian	1.64
Algerian	0.40	English	0.14
German	0.77	Latvian	0.71
Australian	0.05	Lithuanian	0.93
Azerbaijani	0.08	Malaysian	0.08
Belgian	0.08	Montenegrin	0.82
Bulgarian	1.64	Myanmar	0.82
Bangladeshi	0.16	Madagascar	0.03
Belarus	0.08	Norwegian	0.10
Benin	0.08	Pakistani	0.21
Brazilian	0.03	Panamanian	0.08
Colombian	0.03	Nigerian	0.05
Côte d'Ivoire	0.03	Peruvian	0.43
Cape Verdean	0.03	Polish	2.89
Czech	0.03	Portuguese	0.48
Chilean	2.00	Romanian	0.05
Chinese	2.00	Russian	8.54
Korean	0.64	Samoan	0.18
Croatian	2.11	Senegalese	0.03
Danish	0.37	Syrian	0.20
Ethiopian	0.03	Serbian	0.08
Spanish	1.00	Salvadoran	0.03
Estonian	0.08	Singapore	0.03
Egyptian	0.16	Thai	0.03
Ethiopian	0.03	Taiwan	0.05
Filipino	38.10	Turkish	3.79
French	0.16	Ukrainian	13.18
Georgian	0.87	USA	0.16
Greek	2.49	Vietnamese	0.01
Hong Kong	0.08		100.00
The Netherlands	0.19		

TRANSPORT SERVICE FOR SAILORS

Presently, the Apostleship of the Sea has two vans with nine seats at its disposal, all donations of the ITF. These vans are used to visit vessels in the port every morning, and sometimes to bring some sailors to Stella Maris or to the city centre. In the afternoon (from Monday to Sunday) we offer a shuttle service between Stella Maris, the city centre and the vessels.

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 take them back to the ship again. Sometimes we also go on an excursion trip at weekends.

In 2018 4923 seamen have used the shuttle service

THE CLUB

The club opens every day from 16.00 to 23.00 H. The club has at the seafarers' disposal services like bar, games, free internet connection (4 PCs + free Wi-Fi connection), telephone, phone cards, money exchange, chapel, library and a bazaar (sale of items for personal use and souvenirs). Used books, newsletters of the maritime world and also other sector publications are also distributed. Assistance and general counselling are provided.

Total attendance to the club: 3023 of 27 different nationalities, highlighting: (62% Filipino, 17% Indian, 6% Ukrainians, 3% Russians, 3% Italian, 1,5% Polish, 1% Chinese, etc.)

Number of ships of which crew members have visited us: 588

(Ship's flag: Panama 18% , Malta 11%, Liberia 9%, Singapore 7%, Marshall Islands 7%, Hong Kong 7%, Bahamas 4%, etc.)

INTERNATIONAL MARITIME OFFICE

This office, located in the International Maritime Station "C", has two phone lines and four computers with internet connection + Wi-Fi. It is particularly meant for crew members of cruise ships, who have publications of the maritime sector and newsletters from different countries, books and phone cards at their disposal. Assistance and general counselling are also provided.

During 2018 3744 seafarers have visited the International Maritime Office

Nationalities:

Filipino 37%, 31% Indians, 15% Indonesians, totalling 83% of visitors. Remaining 17% are members of the crew of Honduras,

Kenya, Ukraine, Italy, Mexico, Jamaica, Peru, Brazil and a long etcetera. 85% were Asian, and the rest divided between European, African and American.

The most commonly requested service was use of Wi-Fi Internet access. 1100 telephone cards were sold

SPORTS ACTIVITIES (Maritime Station)

In the year 2018, **26 football** and **11 basketball** matches have been organized for crew members of cruise ships. **525** crew members have participated.

On November 11th, as part of the Seafarers Days, the sport event was a football championship between teams from the port and maritime areas. The Pescadores team was the winner, followed by the team of vessel .

NEWSLETTERS

Throughout 2018 we have distributed newsletters of Germany, India, Italy, Philippines, Romania, Greece, Arab countries, Indonesia, Russia, Ukraine, China, South America and Turkey among seafarers of the mentioned nationalities. A "Noticias de España" newsletter, published three times per week in Barcelona with information about Spain is sent to 81 ports in the world to be distributed among Spanish seafarers.

SOCIAL ASSISTANCE**Financial and food aid:**

An average of 16 vouchers per month for free meals at soup kitchens. There have been various aids to sailors and fishermen (free sleeping accommodation, financial aid, etc.) for the value of 2.895 EUR.

RELIGIOUS ASSISTANCE**Celebrations:**

06/01/2018-. Celebration of Epiphany. As it is usual, presents from The Three Kings were given to all the residents and to other attending seafarers. Gifts consisted of socks, scarves and hats donated by various commercial establishments.

25/01/2018 -. Ecumenical celebration, as part of the week of prayer for the union of Christians, with the participation of the German Speaking Evangelical Community, the St. George's Anglican Communion and the Stella Maris' Catholic community.

03/04/2018-. Easter Sunday. Celebration of the Holy Mass and afternoon snack with the typical "monas", donated by several cake and sweets shops.

22.4.18- Participation in the presentation of the Diocesan Pastoral Plan "¡Salimos!" In the Santa Maria del Mar Basilica

05.05.18 – Blessing of the new Carnival Cruise terminal by the delegate of the Apostleship of the Sea

14/07/2018-. Procession of Our Lady of Carmen, departing from St. Miquel del Port's church, embarking on the fishers wharf, sailing towards the mouth of Barcelona port and returning to the point of embarking, where the Holy Mass was celebrated. After the mass a crown of flowers was thrown into the sea in

memory of the seamen who died during the year. The day ended with a performance of some "habaneras" songs. The event was presided over Mons. Toni Vadell, Auxiliary Bishop of Barcelona

18.11.18 Participation at the Holy Mass presided over by Cardinal Archbishop of Barcelona, Mons. Joan Josep Omella, during which all volunteers and workers of institutions working in the field of social pastoral work were blessed and sent.

24/12/2018-. Celebration of the Christmas festivity. A Christmas party was held at sunset and then cava and turrón were offered to the attendants.

Apart from these celebrations, there were various Sunday Masses in Stella Maris

Distribution of religious material

Distribution of the following items

- Rosaries: Many Filipino crew members, in particular, ask for rosaries that we gladly provide.
- 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.
- Posters and prints of "Christ and the seafarers"
- New Testaments in different languages for seafarers.
- On Friday, the "Noticias de España" newsletter includes references to the mass readings and a commentary on the Gospel.
- Each week they are sent to 12 ships where there are groups of faith, Sunday readings, prayers and thoughts
- Also a Spanish and English leaflet with basic Christian prayers is distributed.
- Information sheets on possibilities for religious assistance of other denominations (Anglican Church, Evangelical and Orthodox) and other religions (Muslim and Jewish)

Masses on board of the vessels

7 masses were held, at the request of the crews aboard cruise ships.

Embarking of chaplains

We have covered 30 weeks of embarkation on three Pullmantur ships during 2018. Priests provide spiritual assistance both for the passengers and the crew.

Ecumenical cooperation

A very good relationship is maintained with the German Evangelical and Anglican Communion communities of Barcelona and we maintain contact with the Russian Orthodox and Romanian Orthodox communities. Every year we celebrate together an ecumenical act during the month of January. The Anglican Communion provides us with bibles in different languages.

Interreligious cooperation

There is a good relationship with the Islamic Council of Catalonia, the Luz del Norte association and the Israelite Community of Barcelona. As in previous years we held a round table as part of the Days of the Seafarers. Muslim seafarers can have booklets with timetables of the prayers of the year.

OTHER ACTIVITIES AND CELEBRATIONS

14.02.18 – Meeting of the group for Sustainability of the Port.

26/02/2018 – Meeting in Madrid of all delegates of the Apostleship of the Sea of Spain.

13.03.18 – Meeting of the Port Welfare Committee

05.05.18 – Inauguration of the new Carnival Cruise Terminal

29/05/2018 – Meeting of the group for Sustainability of the Port

18/05/2018 – National Assembly of the Apostleship of the Sea and fellowship dinner, presided by the Deputy Bishop of Barcelona Monsignor Toni Vadell

- 15–17.6.18 : Meeting of the Apostleship of the Sea of France and Spain in Port La Nouvelle.
 25.6.18 – Day of the Seafarers of the International Maritime Organization (greeting sheets were handed out, crews were congratulated, and some ship terminals provided food and drinks. The Bridge of Europe was lit up at night and attendance to the Maritime Museum was free.
 12/07/2018 – Meeting of the Steering Council of the port.
 20/07/2018 – Meeting of the Port Welfare Committee
 18/09/2018 – Meeting of the group for Sustainability of the Port
 27/09/2018 – Activity: "Experiences at the shipside", at the AMPT terminal of the port
 10/11/2018 – Sports Day
 13/11/2018 . Regional Meeting of the Apostleship of the Sea in Tarragona
 15.11.18 – Round Tables "Experiences at the shipside", "Wi-Fi in the port?" and "Can religion help the welfare of seafarers?"
 23.11.18 – International Seminar of the ISWAN (International Seafarers Welfare and Assistance Network) in Helsinki
 27/11/2018 – Meeting of the group for Sustainability of the Port.
 13/12/2018 – Meeting of the Steering Council of the port.

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

The Centre of Rights of the Seamen is made up by three lawyers and tries to basically offer an agile and practical response to potential conflict situations faced by seamen who land in our port, as well as to promote the knowledge and application of laws that protect sailors, especially those derived from ILO conventions.

Inquiries:

- a) Consultations at the centre: It is a task of advice to seafarers who raise questions about their rights during the visit of the vessel in port, either at the Stella Maris premises, or in our office located in the cruise terminal. When the subject refers to a possible breach of the employment contract, this is usually referred to ITF.
- b) Consultations through the web page www.stellamarisbarcelona.org arrive sporadically in relation to the rights applicable in specific situations and how they can be dealt with.

Special case: The case of the C-Star ship, already mentioned in our memory of 2017, whose Sri Lanka crew was abandoned in Barcelona, and was assisted by Stella Maris at all times, had a happy ending. In January 2018, thanks to the efforts of lawyer Rafael Muller and ITF inspector, Joan Mas, through an agreement between the shipowner and buyers, sealed in a meeting in Stella Maris, the crew claimed wages owed and were handed a flight ticket for their repatriation..

Other activities: Attendance of lawyer Domingo Gonzalez as speaker to the Days held at the University of Nantes, on June 21-22 of 2018, within the European program ERC-2013-Advanced Grant n°. 349770 HUMAN entitled "The development of human activities at sea-wat legal framework? For a new maritime law". With the presentation on the abandonment of seafarers in Spanish ports, the stance of the Government of Spain and the ICMA on financial collateral, as well as the amendments of the C.T.M. 2014 of the ILO.



WELFARE COMMITTEE OF THE PORT OF BARCELONA

There were two meetings of the Committee: on the 13.3.18 and 20.7.18.

Topics covered: Access to terminals and start of talks to discuss the possibility of having Wi-Fi in the port, the celebration of IMO's Day of the seafarer, activities held at the XXX Days of the seafarer and acceptance of new members to the Committee.

Contacts with ship terminals to discuss issues affecting the exit and entry of crew members.

Port levies (fees that are collected from the ships to help finance welfare services)

Suggestions for improving the information to the port community about the importance of services to the crews and all Stella Maris' activities.

25/06/2018. IMO's Day of the seafarer:

As in the previous year, were distributed a few greeting sheets to the crews, the Europe bridge was lit up at night and attendance to the Maritime Museum was free all day.

In addition, several ship terminals provided the crews with typical products to eat or drink.

XXXI Days of the Seafarer:

10.11.18 Football Tournament, with six teams from the maritime environment of the port of Barcelona and which served to highlight the sport spirit and coexistence beyond the usual working environment.

The final classification was the following: 1. Pescadores, 2. Oficiales de Puente, 3. Norai Boys 4. Iglez Team Puerto 5. Remolcadores 6. Facultad de Náutica

15.11.18 Theme Day:

"Experiences at the shipside", with an explanation of the activity held on 27.9.18 in the APM Terminal of the port. and that served to share the concerns of crews during their stay in port and the way in which the different land groups can help meet the needs of the crews. In particular three concerns were highlighted: 1.- The little time available to crews to get out and visit the city, 2. The need for communication with families and the importance of Wi-Fi networks and sim cards, and finally the welcome of crews when they arrive in port. A number of proposals were made of which we can emphasize the need to improve the internal signalling system of the port, consider the possibilities of having a wide Wi-Fi network, and make the internal bus available to crews, even if they carry dollars, and the offer of APM to hand an informative sheet with a cordial greeting of welcome to the ship crews.

"Wi-Fi in the port?" What it represents for crews and the possibilities from a technical point of view which counted with the interventions of Jerome Dadin from Stella Maris, who recalled the importance for the crews having some sort of Wi-Fi connection, and of Albert Gonzalez, Services Management Director of the Department of Information Systems of the Port Authority, who reported on plans to implement a Wi-Fi network port coverage and the challenges that this implies. It was concluded that it was necessary to analyse what should be the coverage in response to the needs of the crew arriving at our port, and consider their inclusion into the project.

"Can spirituality help the welfare of seafarers?" with the intervention of Joan Hernández Serret and Lopön Aponte, who explained the contribution of spirituality to happiness and emotional well-being of the crews. Both, from their Christian and Buddhist views respectively, agreed on the importance of social values such as commitment, mutual trust, the sense out coming out from oneself to go to find the other and the willingness to contribute to the common good as elements that contribute to happiness and that as a result can contribute to the welfare of a crew.