



## **APOSTOLADO DEL MAR “STELLA MARIS”**

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### **REPORT 2019**

**Start of project:** 1 of January, 2019

**End of project:** 31 of December, 2019

### **ACCOMMODATION**

**Occupied beds** Total **7,732**. 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 **72%** During this year **we hosted 822 people**.

#### **Statistical data:**

##### **Length of stay of guests**

<b><u>Length of stay</u></b>	Number	Percentage
Less than one week	663	80.7
One to two weeks	93	11.3
Two to four weeks	33	4
One month to four months	21	2.6
More than four months	12	1.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>822</b>	<b>100</b>

<b><u>Profession</u></b>	Number	Percentage
Sailors	525	63.9
Fishermen	75	9.1
Nautical studies students	14	1.7
Families of sailors	54	6.6
Divers	69	8.4
Catering personnel from cruises, other	49	5.9
Other staff from Stella Maris	11	1.3
Not mentioned	25	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>822</b>	<b>100</b>

<b><u>Work status</u></b>	Number	Percentage
Working	716	87.1
Unemployed	32	3.9
Retired	30	3.6
Not mentioned	44	5.4
	<b>822</b>	<b>100</b>

#### **Comparison 2018/2019**

<b><u>Guests</u></b>	Year 2019	Year 2018	Percentage 2018/2019
<b><u>Number</u></b>	822	684	+20.2%
<b><u>Beds</u></b>	Year 2019	Year 2018	Percentage 2018/2019
<b><u>Number</u></b>	7732	7085	+ 9.1%

**Nationality of guests**

<b>Nationality</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Nationality</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Nationality</b>	<b>Number</b>
Algerian	6	Ghanaian	4	Peruvian	4
Argentinian	6	Greek	6	Portuguese	2
Australian	1	Guatemalans	1	Romanian	6
British	11	Honduran	20	Senegalese	26
Bosnian	1	Dutch	13	Swedish	5
Bulgarian	1	Indian	3	Tunisian	1
Czech	1	Indonesian	1	Turkish	1
Chilean	4	Italian	8	Ukrainian	6
Cuban	2	Kiribati	1	Uruguayan	7
Slovakian	2	Latvian	1	USA	1
Spanish	602	Lebanese	1	Venezuelan	2
Filipino	7	Moroccan	46		
Finnish	1	Nigerian	1		
French	5	Polish	5	<b>Total</b>	<b>822</b>

**VISITS TO SHIPS IN THE PORT OF BARCELONA**

Visits to ships docked in the port of Barcelona, 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 **2642 ships** under the following flags have been visited. Most relevant figures correspond to Malta (495), Liberia (408), Panama (352) and Marshall Islands (215).

<b>Ship's flag</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Ship's flag</b>	<b>Number</b>
Germany	76	Marshall Islands	215
Antigua and Barbuda	109	Israel	3
Saudi Arabia	17	Italy	82
Algeria	9	Jamaica	1
Bahamas	95	Japan	26
Bangladeshi	7	Kuwait	2
Barbados	5	Latvia	6
Bermuda	17	Liberia	408
China	4	Lithuania	14
Cyprus	36	Luxembourg	4
Korea	1	Malta	495
Croatia	4	Norway	15
Denmark	48	Panama	352
Spain	11	Portugal	122
Philippines	13	Romania	2
French	17	Russia	8
Gibraltar	24	Samoa	1
Greece	17	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	3
Guyana	1	Sierra Leone	1
The Netherlands	40	Singapore	123
Hong Kong	100	Togo	3
Ireland	7	Tunisia	1
Cayman Islands	23	Turkey	21
Comoros Islands	10	UK	23
Cook Islands	3	USA	5
Isle of Man	12	<b>Total</b>	<b>2642</b>

**Nationality of crew members**

The nationality of crew members of the ships visited is very diverse. We have counted 63 different nationalities. Following are the percentages of the different nationalities. As usual, Filipinos (34.87%), Ukrainian (13.10%), , Indian (10.20%) and Russian (8.30%) are most numerous.. A clear Asian and Eastern Europe majorities can be appreciated.

Nationalities	Percentage	Nationality	Percentage
Germany	1.05	Latvia	0.39
Algeria	0.34	Lithuania	1.51
Azerbaijani	0.32	Madagascar	0.10
Bangladesh	0.24	Malaysia	0.10
Belgium	0.02	Montenegro	1.17
Burma	0.12	Myanmar	1.39
Bosnia	0.05	Nepal	0.02
Brazil	0.02	Nigeria	0.05
Bulgaria	0.51	Norway	0.12
Czech Republic	0.05	Pakistan	0.05
China	2.43	Peru	0.29
Korea	0.27	Poland	3.21
Croatia	1.68	Romania	3.65
Cuba	0.05	Russia	8.30
Denmark	0.37	Samoa	0.27
Egypt	0.17	Serbia	0.10
Spain	0.32	Syria	0.20
Ethiopia	0.12	Sri Lanka	0.61
Philippines	34.87	South Africa	0.05
French	0.17	Thai	0.02
Georgia	1.05	Tanzania	0.07
Ghana	0.12	Togo	0.02
Greece	1.58	Tunisia	0.02
The Netherlands	0.12	Turkey	4.38
Honduras	0.29	Turkmenistan	0.02
Marshal Islands	0.02	Ukraine	13.10
India	10.20	UK	0.15
Indonesia	1.41	USA	0.05
Israel	0.02	Venezuela	0.02
Italy	2.33	Vietnam	0.12
Jamaica	0.02	Yemen	0.02
Japan	0.10	<b>Total</b>	<b>100.00</b>

### TRANSPORT SERVICE FOR CREWS

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 or basketball 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 2019 4546 seafarers 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: 3015** of 37 different nationalities, highlighting: 55% Philippines, 16% India, 5% Spain, 3% Bangladesh, 3% Ukraine, 2% Russia, 2% Myanmar, 2% Poland, 1,5% Romania, 1,5% Turkey, etc.)

## MARITIME STATION OFFICE – ASSISTANCE CRUISE SHIPS

### General Assistance

This office, located at the International Maritime Station "C" has 2 telephone lines and 4 computers with internet access ( + WiFi). It is particularly meant for crew members of cruise ships, **During 2019, 2950 crew have visited the International Maritime Office**

Nationalities:

38% Filipino, 28% Indian, 20% Indonesian. This adds up to 86%. The remaining 14% are 6% American (Honduras, Peru, Brazil, USA, Jamaica, Mexico, Argentina, etc.), 3% European (Ukraine, Italy, Poland, UK, Germany, Holland. Etc) and 5% rest of the world (Nepal, Kenya, Mauritius, St. Vincent, St. Lucia, South Africa, etc.)

The most requested service continues to be communication, whether use of the wi-fi network or purchase of sim cards. Crews purchased 960 cards in our office.

Free books and magazines, newsletters, city maps, coffee and tea are offered.

Currency exchange, snacks and drinks, souvenirs, legal, spiritual advice, tourist guidance, and general assistance are also offered.

New mail or package reception service: we have delivered 55 packages to cruise ship crews.

### Sports Activities

In the year 2019, **18 football** and **13 basketball** matches have been organized for crew members of cruise ships. The games are played in the sports facilities of the port in the ZAL. **490 crew members have participated**. On November 10th, as part of the Seafarers Days, the sport event was a football championship between teams from the port and maritime areas. Seven teams participated, including the crew of the Zenith vessel. The winner was the Iglez Team Port team.

### BICYCLE LOAN SERVICE

On May 2, the Port of Barcelona handed over to Stella Maris 5 bicycles that were assembled as part of a BPort Community activity. 22 sailors have made use of this service.

### NEWSLETTERS

Throughout 2019 we have distributed newsletters of India, Philippines, Poland, 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 **3.110 EUR**.

### RELIGIOUS ASSISTANCE

#### Celebrations:

06.01.2019–. 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.

07.01.19 – Assistance to the archpriesthood meeting of Poble Sec–Ramblas.

29/01/2019 – Ecumenical celebration, as part of the week of prayer for the union of Christians, with the participation of the German speaking evangelical, the St. George's Anglican, the Greek Orthodox, and the Stella Maris' Catholic communities.

23.04.19 – Easter Sunday. Celebration of the Holy Mass and afternoon snack with the typical “monas”, donated by several cake and sweets shops.

13.07.2019 – Celebration of the Virgin Carmen. March from St. Miquel del Port's church, embarking on the “Moll dels Pescadors” wharf, sailing towards the mouth of Barcelona port and returning to the point of embarking, where holy mass was celebrated, finishing with an offering to all seafarers who died this year. The day ended with a performance of some «habaneras» songs. The event was presided over by Bishop Sergi Gordo, auxiliary bishop of Barcelona

16.07.19 – Participation in the Mass in honor of the Virgin of Carmen in the army chapel, presided over by the Cardinal Archbishop of Barcelona Mgr. Joan Josep Omella

03.10.19 – Solemn Mass presided over by Bishop Joan Josep Omella in Santa Maria del Mar, on the occasion of the 250 anniversary of the Barcelona Faculty of Nautical

07.11.19 – Interreligious meeting at the Faculty of Nautical Studies, within the days of the people of Mar with participation of Christians, Jews, Hindus and Baha'is.

24.12.2019 – 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 celebrated 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 13 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).
- Distribution of the International Apostolate of the Sea review

### **Masses on board of the vessels**

There have been **13 masses on board** cruise ships , **attended by some 200 crew members**.

### **Embarking of chaplains**

We have covered 32 weeks of embarkment on three Pullmantur ships during 2019. 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, the Baha'i center and the Hare Krishna center. As in previous years we held an interreligious meeting as part of the Days of the Seafarers.

Muslim seafarers can have booklets with timetables of the prayers of the year.

On 13 June the Working Group of Religions (with representatives of the following religions: Baha'i, Judaism, Islam, Buddhism, Hinduism, Taoism and Christianity) visited the port on the ship of the Port Authority, which was followed by a meal. A presentation was also made of Stella Maris' work.

### **OTHER ACTIVITIES AND CELEBRATIONS**

- 22.01.19 – Meeting on «Pla Estrategic del Litoral» (strategic plan of the coast) in the town hall.
- 24.01.2019 – Meeting of the Port Welfare Committee
- 31.01.2019 – Meeting of the group for Sustainability of the Port.
- 19.02.2019 – Meeting in Madrid of the Advisory Council of the Apostleship of the Sea for the whole of Spain.
- 27.03.19 – Meeting of Social Pastoral.
- 27.03.19 – Meeting on «Pla Estrategic del Litoral» (strategic plan of the coast) in the town hall
- 10.04.19 – Talk about Stella Maris at the Faculty of Nautical Studies
- 17.05.2018 – Annual Assembly of the Apostleship of the Sea and fellowship dinner, presided over by the Cardinal Archbishop of Barcelona Monsignor Joan Josep Omella. They were honored, Rafael de Muller, lawyer at the centre for seafarers rights, on the occasion of his 25 years of volunteering and Segimon Pedragosa, who after 20 years visiting ships, left volunteering.
- 27.05.19 – Inauguration of Cruise Roma ship as a zero-emission ship in port.
- 06.06.2019 – Meeting of the Port Welfare Committee
- 17.06.19 – Visit to Stella Maris by the Escola Martorell
- 20.06.2019 – Meeting of the group for Sustainability of the Port
- 03.07.19 – Social Pastoral Meeting
- 24 - 27.06.19 - European Regional Conference of the Apostleship of the Sea in Rome. The conference brought together 50 people from Italy, France, Belgium, Germany, Spain, Malta, the United Kingdom, Ireland, Denmark, Poland and Ukraine. The director of Barcelona attended. On the 27th we were received in audience by Pope Francis
- 25/06/2019 – Day of the Seafarers of the International Maritime Organization (greeting sheets were handed out, crews were congratulated, and some ship terminals provided t-shirts and food and drinks. The Bridge of Europe was lit up at night and attendance to the Maritime Museum was free.
- 11.07.2019 – Meeting of the Steering Council of the port.
- 18.07.19 – Dinner of the 4 Marinas in honor of the Virgin of Carmen, during which a plaque was given to Ricardo Rodríguez-Martos, for his work at the forefront of the Apostolate of the Sea
- 08.10.2019 – Meeting of the Port Welfare Committee
- 19.09.2019 – Presentation of the Plan for Sustainability of the Port.
- 02.10.19 – Activity: «Experiences at the dockside» in the Autoterminal
- 03–05.10.19 – Participation in the National Assembly of the Apostleship of the Sea in Castelló de la Plana.
- 05.11.19 – Days of the People of Sea in the Faculty of Nautics. Round table on the importance of the mental and physical health of crews on board boats.
- 10.11.19 – Sports Day: Football championship between teams in the maritime/port sector of Barcelona.
- 20.11.19 – Meeting on «Pla Estrategic del Litoral» (strategic plan of the coast) in the town hall.

### **INTERNATIONAL CHRISTIAN MARITIME ASSOCIATION**

This ecumenical association of Christian organizations at the service of seafarers celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2019 and held an international conference in Kaohsiung, Taiwan. 250 delegates from 40 countries around the world have participated, representing the 26 Christian organizations working for the welfare of seafarers. The director of Stella Maris of Barcelona attended and made a speech under the title: *The importance maritime ministry's service to the whole port community*

### **CENTRE FOR SEAFARERS' RIGHTS**

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](http://www.stellamarisbarcelona.org) arrive sporadically in relation to the rights applicable in specific situations and how they can be dealt with.

Other activities:

1<sup>st</sup> – Attendance by Domingo González, Director of the Centre for Seafarers Rights, as rapporteur at the Workshop held at the University of Nantes, on 24–25–26 July 2019, within the European program ERC–2013–Advanced Grant No. 349.770 Human Sea, titled «The development of human activities at sea–wat legal framework? For new maritime law. With the presentation:" ILO. Development of international conventions on seafarers; case law analysis in Spain, France, Italy and Greece.

2<sup>nd</sup> – Domingo González's attendance as a teacher at the university master's degree in maritime law of the Universidad San Pablo CEU, in November 2019, subject: Maritime Labor Law, CTM, Fisheries Convention



## **WELFARE COMMITTEE OF THE PORT OF BARCELONA**

The Committee met three times: 24.01.19, 6.06.19 and 8.10.19

Topics covered: Awareness–raising by the Port Community, plan of visits to the terminals, OMI activities for the seafarers day and organization of the XXXI Seafarers' days; follow–up to the «Experiences by the dockside» program, possibility to organize an international seminar on welfare aboard cruise ships and WiFi network in the port.

The Committee is currently composed of representatives of: Port Authority (which holds the presidency), Corporation of Port Pilots, Marine Social Institute, Maritime Captaincy, Consignees Association, Maritime Captaincy, Association of Stevedoring Companies, Captains Association, General Society of Heads and Officers of Machines, Tugboats , ITF, Marine Faculty, Fishermen's Guild and Stella Maris (Secretariat)

25.06.19: IMO's Day of the Seafarers:

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:

5.11.19 – Location: Barcelona Marine Faculty

1.) Exhibition of the video «Life at the dockside»

Exhibition of a video entitled «Life at the dockside», filmed on Sept. 18th in Autoterminal. This experience, which has already been done twice previously, sought to bring together representatives of the crew of a ship and representatives of the various port actors involved in the operation of the ship: terminal personnel, Port Authority, Maritime Captaincy, Civil Guard, Police, Stevedores, Port Pilots, Captains and Machine Chiefs Associations, ITF, Sasemar, Consignees and Stella Maris. It was a question of sharing the respective expectations and needs. On the crew's part, the main interest revolved around the possibilities of communication via WiFi and the means of transport to reach the city.

2.) Round Table: “The importance of the mental and physical health of crew members”

Moderated by:: Juan Zamora, Captain of the Merchant Navy and journalist.

Speakers were: Dr. Maria Lluïsa Canals, Maritime Health Service of the Marine Social Institute (ISM), Marc Martí, Inspector of ITF and Salvador Godoy, Chief of Machines.

Dr. Canals described the most common physical and psychological pathologies, emphasizing the high degree of professionalism of the Spanish maritime health and that thanks to the development of communications a good follow–up at distance of the health of seafarers can be carried out, as well as developing an efficient preventive medicine.

Marc Martí, ITF inspector in Catalonia and the Balearic Islands, explained ITF's activity and special campaigns aimed at ships under flags of convenience. He highlighted the requirements of food and drinking water in sufficient quantity and quality, as well as the level of training that cooks should have. He also highlighted the liability of shipowners in cases of illness or even death of a crew member and also mentioned studies of depression and anxiety among seafarers.

Salvador Godoy, head of machines who was active until recently, explained his experiences as a seafarer. He referred to the loss of social life on board due to the reduction of crew members and new technologies, which make the crew, in their free time, lock in their cabins with their computers or mobile phones. The latter allow greater contact with the family, but at the same time they generate stress, since it means being up to date with the family problems that on the other hand cannot be shared.

#### 7.11.19 – Faculty of Nautical Studies: Interreligious day.

As is often the case in these days, there was a space to know and to dialogue with people of other religions. In this case Christians, Jews, Hindus and Baha'is were present.

Each religion made a brief presentation, which was followed by debate on how different religions bring the person closer to God and how the dialogue between each other enriched us and helped us to deepen the sense of the transcendence and mystery of the person.

The Hindu group, following the Hare Krishna, played a song accompanied by their own instruments.

Finally, there was a snack, where food contributed by the different groups was shared.

#### 09/11/2019: Sports day:

This day was attended by 7 indoor football teams from the maritime port area of Barcelona, the team of the Zenith cruise ship.

It was a very disputed championship and the final ranking was as follows:

1. Iglez Team Port
2. Oficiales de Cubierta
3. Norai Boys 4
4. Facultad de Náutica
5. Cosco Shipping Lines
6. Remolcadors de Barcelona
7. Vessel Zenith

After the awards ceremony there was an plentiful snack offering.