

GLOBAL REGATTA - BARCELONA

5th to 7th MAY 2006



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After months of organisation, on Friday 5th May 2006, 51 participants flew out from the UK to Barcelona to participate in the 2nd Global Regatta Event. The party consisted of 8 different Lift Companies, 11 different Lift Consultancies/Clients and 6 members of the Global Team; Greg Bladon, Helen Roberts, Susan Terry, Ivan Conn, Andy Cresswell & Conie Mascarenhas.

The party stayed at the newly built Hotel Barcelona Princess, an imposing two tower luxurious hotel with beach views along the Diagonal Mar - We can now highly recommend it!

The Friday evening was spent by many in a very busy tapas bar on Las Ramblas. Despite recommendations from the "keener" sailors, to avoid excess alcohol and to get a good nights sleep, many of the gang, partied into the night!



Saturday kicked off to a early start with the sun shining and not too many hangovers. The participants were taken by coach to the Marina at Vilanova.

15 employees from Global's principal suppliers, Fermator & Carlos Silva met the UK participants to make up the 12 teams (a large increase on last years inaugural 6 teams!) After a brief safety meeting, each team dressed in their team colours boarded their yachts which flew their company flags.



After the first race in the morning, all the guests enjoyed a delicious lunch at a local sailing club on the marina. It was then back to the boats for another two races. In the meantime the two race officials and a couple of non-sailors enjoyed the views, soaking up the Spanish sun!

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After completion of the third race, the scores were accumulated and results were as follows:

POSITION	TEAM	POINTS
1st Place	Fermator/Global	0
1st Place	Stannah Lifts	22
2nd Place	Acre Lifts/Bashford & Associates	23
3rd Place	Global Guests/Stannah Lifts	24
4th Place	Axis Elevators, GHP, Butler & Young, Foreman Roberts	30.7
5th Place	Carlos Silva (team I)	34
6th Place	21st Century Lifts	34.7
7th Place	Crown Lifts/Elevate Consulting/Elevation Magazine	36.7
8th Place	Carlos Silva (team II)	37.4
9th Place	Amalgamated Lifts	48
10th Place	Lift Specialists/Watkins Payne/W Jennings	49
11th Place	Fermator	51

Due to the extensive sailing experience of the sailors on the Fermator/Global boat, they magnanimously stood down and shared 1st place with the Stannah Lift Team. After a brief prize giving, the contingency boarded the coach again for return to the hotel. Apart from a few sunburnt faces and the busy city traffic, caused by the air show and Barcelona football celebrations, it was unanimous the day was a great success and thoroughly enjoyed by all!



Later that evening the group enjoyed more Tapas and free flowing wine and beer at a local restaurant. The groups then went their separate ways and again partied into the night and early Sunday morning, 6am to be precise! One particular dirty stop out nearly missed his flight back to Manchester!!



On the Sunday many had the luxury of a lie In and leisurely day around Barcelona's fair!



The Global Team would like to take this opportunity to thank all the guests for making this years event a great success and a thoroughly enjoyable weekend. From feedback from our guests, we have no doubt the next Global Regatta will be an even bigger affair!

Look out for your invite to Global's Champagne Reception to be held alongside the River Thames on Thursday 17th August 2006. For details contact susan.terry@global-lift.com

