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Local terminology and Portuguese translations

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<td>Baixa</td>
<td>low</td>
<td>A low area, often referring to a lower elevation or depression.</td>
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<td>Espirito Santo</td>
<td>estuary</td>
<td>An estuary is a coastal inlet, often formed by sediment deposition.</td>
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<td>Avenida</td>
<td>avenue</td>
<td>An avenue is a wide, tree-lined street, often associated with city planning.</td>
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<td>Rua</td>
<td>street</td>
<td>A street is a road used for walking and/or driving, typically within urban areas.</td>
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<td>Tchova</td>
<td>push cart</td>
<td>A push cart is a small, wheeled cart used for transporting goods.</td>
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<td>Chapa</td>
<td>minibus taxi</td>
<td>A minibus is a small, multipurpose bus, often used for public transportation.</td>
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<td>Mapapai</td>
<td>water taxi</td>
<td>A water taxi is a small boat used for transportation in waterways.</td>
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<td>Fortaleza</td>
<td>fort</td>
<td>A fort is a fortified building or structure, often used for defense purposes.</td>
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<td>Catedral</td>
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<td>A cathedral is a large, ornate church, often associated with religious significance.</td>
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<td>beam</td>
<td>The width of a ship.</td>
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<td>catamaran</td>
<td>A stoutly constructed wooden or steel raft placed between ships or between a ship and the jetty to avoid damage to either.</td>
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<td>depth</td>
<td>The vertical distance from the lowest point of the hull to the measured deck of a ship.</td>
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<td>draft</td>
<td>The vertical distance measured from the lowest point of a ships hull to the waterline or the water surface. Note: a ships draft will change depending on water density (eg salinity and temperature) and ships load.</td>
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<td>tidal range</td>
<td>The measured vertical distance between low tide and high tide.</td>
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<td>chart datum</td>
<td>The depth of water at the lowest astronomical tide.</td>
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<td>freeboard</td>
<td>The height of the ship's side that is above the waterline.</td>
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Note: a pier may be used as a breakwater or as berths for ships. A pontoon is a floating structure used for buoyant support. Note: in tidal waters a flat-topped pontoon is used as a landing place for boats and ferries alongside piers and jetties. Pontoons are usually connected to the shore or jetty by a hinged bridge.
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