

a platform built out from the shore on piles so

GLOSSARY

Local terminology and Portuguese translations jetty

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			that there is sufficient depth alongside for
Baixa	low		ships to berth
Espirito Santo	estuary	mole or breakwate	er: a long pier or heavy masonry build on the
Avenida	avenue		seaward side of a harbour for protection. it
Rua	street		may be designed for berthing ships on the
Tchova	push cart used in the informal context for the		shoreward side.
	movement of goods and items for sale	pier	a narrow jetty built of masonry or on piles
Chapa	minibus taxi		usually extended at right angles to the shore
Mapapai	water taxi		line.
Fortaleza	fort		note: a pier may be used as a breakwater or
Catedral	Cathedral		as berths for ships.
		pontoon	a floating structure used for buoyant support.
Nautical ter	Nautical terms		note: in tidal waters a flat-topped pontoon is
			used as landing place for boats and ferries
beam	the width of a ship		alongside piers and jetties. pontoons are
catamaran	a stoutly constructed wooden or steel raft		usually connected to the shore or jetty by a
	placed between ships or between a ship and		hinged bridge.
	the jetty to avoid damage to either.	tidal range	the measured vertical distance between low
depth	the vertical distance from the lowest point of		tide and high tide.
	the hull to the measured deck of a ship.		
draft	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.		
chart datum	the depth of water at the lowest astronomical		
	tide		
freeboard	the height of the ship's side that is above the		
	waterline		
	note: the freeboard will change with the		
	loading of the vessel		

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