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**Title: Sailing Sense - Sailing for people with deafblindness and multi-sensory impairment**

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Main focus: Mainly practice/Both congenital and acquired deafblindness

Abstract: In 2002 deafblindness in Brazil was considered a category of disability. In that year, this disability was also named in an official document of the Education Ministry. After this change there were some studies about improving the quality of life of deafblind people.

Within the área of sport there are many things to study. This project aims to enable deafblind people to learn to sail. With this purpose, we came up with some questions:

- Is it possible to teach deafblind people to sail?
- Can they sail with autonomy?
- What are the necessary adaptations for this to happen?
- Which are the specific techniques for teaching?

The project is collecting information through direct experiences with deafblind adults and children to answer these questions. Using this action research approach we are having good results and they showed that the methods we are using has been accepted by deafblind people. This workshop will outline the approach taken using photos and vídeo footage.