

# **ABLEDATA Fact Sheet on Aquatic Sports and Recreation Equipment**

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## **Introduction**

Sports can provide physical activity and recreation that yield psychological and physical benefits. According to Roy J. Shephard's study "Benefits of Sport and Physical Activity for the Disabled: Implications for the Individual and for Society," potential benefits include improvement of mood, reduction of anxiety and depression, increased self-esteem, improved perceived health, and long-term reduced risk of many chronic diseases.

The number of people with disabilities who engage in sports and other physical activities has increased dramatically. National and international sports associations have formed, and organized competitions for persons with disabilities are now commonplace for many different sports. Whether for competition, recreation, or exercise, the sports equipment market is overflowing with products to get fans off the sidelines and into the sports arena.

This ABLEDATA fact sheet presents general information on types of aquatic sports, recreation, and exercise products listed in the ABLEDATA database. Sports equipment of any kind is designed with user safety in mind, but it must be fitted and employed properly. Questions on the type or model of equipment that will be fun and safe should be directed to the product manufacturer or a sports organization, prosthetist, or physical, occupational or recreational therapist.

## **Product Types**

### **Swimming Aids and Flotation Devices**

Swimming and other water activities are used in rehabilitation and physical therapy to promote good muscle tone, lung capacity, flexibility, and overall fitness without causing undue pressure on joints or bones.

Aquatic activity can be fun and relaxing, and learning to float or swim can lead to participation in other aquatic sports. For advanced swimmers, there are local, national, and international competitions. See the listing of organizations at the end of this fact sheet for more information about organizations that sponsor competitive swimming.

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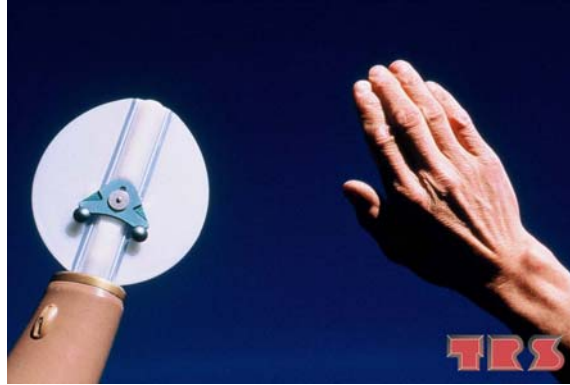
Flotation devices are designed to keep either a person's entire body or specific parts of the body afloat. Most flotation aids are made of vinyl-coated soft flotation foam with adjustable straps to attach around arms, legs, the torso, the head, or the neck. Sizes are usually based on the user's weight. Flotation devices are useful for persons with some head and neck control and to help compensate for uneven weight distribution. In addition to helping a person maintain a horizontal floating position, some models will maintain vertical positions in the water for walking/gait exercises and for games such as water polo.



**Figure 1: The Water Walker from Aquatic Therapy enables users with physical disabilities to remain upright for water-based therapy and exercise.**

Swimming aids take a variety of forms, including rings, harnesses, platforms, belts, and bars. Platforms generally allow free movement of the head, arms, and legs while providing buoyancy to the swimmer. Harnesses may or may not have head and neck supports, and are designed to maintain the body in a usual swim position. Flotation bars consist of flotation rings or balls at either end of a plastic bar which the swimmer can grab for kicking exercises, or place under the thighs or arms in a resting position.

For swimmers with amputation of one or more limbs, there are terminal devices that attach to the prosthesis to aid in swimming. These devices take the place of the hand by providing resistance during the swimming stroke.



**Figure 2: The Freestyle Terminal Swimming Device from Therapeutic Recreation Systems (TRS, Inc.) has a folding wing design for use by a person with a prosthetic arm while swimming.**

## Pool Access

A pool lift transfers people with mobility disabilities into a swimming pool. Models vary according to the hoisting and lowering mechanism (hydraulic, drive, or geared lifting mechanisms), whether a lift is portable or permanent, whether it is self- or attendant-operated, and whether the model is geared towards institutional or residential use. Models are available for deck-level pools, above-ground pools, or both. Maximum weight capacity varies from 300 to 400 pounds. Transfer seats may be sling or chair types, most of which have belt or safety strap options, or body supports that lift under the arms while providing support to a person's upper body and thighs. Some models are available with head supports, chest supports, or adjustable leg supports.



**Figure 3: The SureHands Wheelchair-to-Water Pool Lift (with the Body Support) from SureHands Lift & Care Systems is a motorized pool lift that enables the user to transfer directly from a wheelchair to the water.**

Other pool access equipment includes ramps for amphibious wheelchair entry into the water, and ramps and steps with non-slip surfaces and handrails to support individuals who are ambulatory but have disabilities affecting balance. Some pool stairs allow

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wheelchair users with sufficient upper body strength to descend from a transfer bench or chair by easing down each step.

In addition, removable parallel bars can serve as aids to walking in a pool. Some ramps also function as underwater parallel bars. Movable swimming pool floors, operated by hydraulic lifts, and underwater platforms are another option for making swimming pools accessible to persons with disabilities.

## Swim Wear

Adaptive swim wear is available for children and adults who want to participate in water sports or just visit the beach or lounge around the pool. Swim wear includes buoyant swim vests; clothing to insulate the body against loss of body heat; clothing that can be put on or taken off with snap or Velcro fasteners or full-length side zippers; and ear muffs to prevent water from entering the ear during exercise or play.



**Figure 4: The Two-in-One Flotation Sun Suit from SwimEEZY USA is a combination swim suit, sun suit, and swimming aid designed for use by children with physical disabilities. The suit blocks 98 percent of the sun's ultraviolet (UV) rays, while Airex foam at the shoulders provides buoyancy.**

## Aquatic Wheelchairs

Aquatic wheelchairs include pool wheelchairs for use around swimming pools and beach wheelchairs for use on sandy beaches. Both types are constructed from non-corrosive materials. Some pool wheelchairs are submersible, allowing a wheelchair user to enter a pool on a ramp, and there are chairs of both types that are capable of floating in water. Pool wheelchairs operate manually, but beach wheelchairs are available in both manual and powered versions. Beach wheelchairs have extra-wide wheels, sometimes called balloon wheels, which enable them to move over sand. Wheel kits are available to allow regular wheelchairs to be converted to beach wheelchairs by adding balloon wheels.



**Figure 5: The All Terrain Chair from Assistive Technology, Inc. is a beach wheelchair with balloon wheels for moving on sand.**

## Boating

Sailboats, dinghies, kayaks, and canoes are available with a variety of adaptive features to increase safety, provide physical support, and enable users with disabilities to control the boat.

**Safety:** Adaptive boats are typically designed with an inherently stable hull shape or extra ballast to minimize the risk of capsizing. Seating may be designed to increase stability further by lowering the user's center of gravity.

**Seating and physical support:** To enable a person with physical disabilities to sit in the boat, benches may be replaced with sling seats, and foot supports may be provided.

**Controls:** To accommodate persons with limited mobility or upper extremity disabilities, adaptive sailboats may have sail control lines designed for one hand use and/or operation from a single seated position. Adaptive rudder controls include joystick steering.



**Figure 6: The Martin 16 Sloop, made by Abbott Boats and sold by Inventure Management Limited, is an accessible sailboat with adjustable seating, joystick rudder controls, and one hand sail controls.**







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## Manufacturers and Distributors

The following companies sell products for use by people with disabilities who participate in aquatic sports, recreation, and exercise. For each manufacturer or distributor, we have provided full contact information (including street address, telephone number, text telephone number, fax number, e-mail address, and Web address) and a list of the types of products sold.

### **Abbott Boats Inc.**

1458 London Road

Sarnia, Ontario N7S 1P7, Canada

Telephone: 519-542 2771.

Fax: 519-542 2324.

E-mail: [salesandinquiries@abbottboats.com](mailto:salesandinquiries@abbottboats.com).

Web site: <http://www.abbottboats.com>.

Product types: accessible boats (Martin 16 sloop) (distributed by Inventure Management Limited).

### **Access Dinghies**

2/7 Bungaleen Court

Dandenong, Victoria 3175, Australia

Telephone: 011-61-3-9768-3101.

Fax: 011-61-3-9768-3103.

E-mail: [info@accessdinghy.org](mailto:info@accessdinghy.org).

Web site: <http://www.accessdinghy.org>.

Product types: accessible boats.

### **Access to Recreation**

8 Sandra Court

Newbury Park, CA 91320-4302 USA

Telephone: 800-634-4351 toll free or 805-498-7535.

Fax: 805-498-8186.

E-mail: [dkrebs@accesstr.com](mailto:dkrebs@accesstr.com).

Web site: <http://www.accesstr.com>.

Product types: beach wheelchairs, fishing aids.

### **Active Videos**

10 First Ave E

Mobridge, SD 57601 USA

Telephone: 800-342-4320 toll free or 605-845-5819.

Fax: 605-845-7627.

E-mail: [customercare@activevideos.com](mailto:customercare@activevideos.com).

Web site: <http://www.activevideos.com>.

Product types: Exercise videos and audio CDs.

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### **AFW Company of North America**

A division of Aquatic Development Group, Inc.

13 Green Mountain Drive

PO Box 648

Cohoes, NY 12047-4807 USA

Telephone: 518-783-0038.

Fax: 518-783-0474.

E-mail: [sales@aquaticgroup.com](mailto:sales@aquaticgroup.com).

Web site: <http://www.aquaticgroup.com>.

Product types: swimming pool access equipment.

### **AKWA Shop**

Aquatic Exercise Association

201 Tamiami Trail, S. Suite 3

Nokomis, FL 34275 USA

Telephone: 888-232-9283 toll free or 941-486-8600.

Fax: 941-486-8820.

E-mail: [info@aeawave.com](mailto:info@aeawave.com).

Web site: <http://www.aeawave.com/store/>.

Product types: Exercise videos and DVDs.

### **Aqua Creek Products**

3015 W. Railroad St. #8

Missoula, MT 59808 USA

Telephone: 888-687-3552 toll free or 406-549-0769.

Fax: 406-549-2602.

E-mail: [info@aquacreek.com](mailto:info@aquacreek.com).

Web site: <http://www.aquacreek.com>.

Product types: pool lifts, beach and pool wheelchairs (sells to distributors only).

### **AquaJogger, a division of Excel Sports Science, Inc.**

4048 W. 1st Ave., Unit B

Eugene, OR 97402-9391 USA

Telephone: 800-922-9544 toll free or 541-484-2454.

Fax: 541-484-0501.

E-mail: [info@aquajogger.com](mailto:info@aquajogger.com).

Web site: <http://www.aquajogger.com>.

Product types: flotation swimming aids.

### **Aquatic Access Inc.**

417 Dorsey Way

Louisville, KY 40223 USA

Telephone: 800-325-5438 toll free or 502-425-5817.

Fax: 502-425-9607.

E-mail: [info@aquaticaccess.com](mailto:info@aquaticaccess.com).

Web site: <http://www.aquaticaccess.com>.

Product types: pool lifts.

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**Aquatic Foam Aids, Inc.**

Box 2119  
Skyland, NC 28776 USA  
Telephone: 828-684-3000.  
Fax: 828-684-9993.  
E-mail: mrd99@charter.net.  
Web site: <http://www.aquaticfoamaids.com>.  
Product types: flotation devices for aquatic therapy.

**Aquatic Mall**

Aquatic Resources Network  
302 160th St., Suite 200  
Amery, WI 54001 USA  
Telephone: 715-248-7258.  
Fax: 715-248-3065.  
E-mail: [info@aquaticnet.com](mailto:info@aquaticnet.com).  
Web site: <http://www.aquaticnet.com>.  
Product types: Sells aquatic exercise equipment and flotation aids.

**Aquatic Therapy**

3973 England Dr.  
Shelbyville, MI 49344 USA  
Telephone: 269-672-7447 or 269-672-9539.  
Fax: 269-672-9539.  
E-mail: [neta@waterwalker.com](mailto:neta@waterwalker.com).  
Web site: <http://www.waterwalker.com>.  
Product types: floatation devices for aquatic therapy.

**Arjo Inc**

50 North Gary Avenue  
Roselle, IL 60172 USA  
Telephone: 800-323-1245 toll free.  
Fax: 888-594-2756 toll free.  
Web site: <http://www.arjo.com>.  
Product types: pool lifts.

**Assistive Technology, Inc.**

21279 Protecta Drive  
Elkhart, IN 46516 USA  
Telephone: 800-478-2363 toll free or 574-522-7201.  
Fax: 574-293-0202.  
E-mail: [info@pvcme.com](mailto:info@pvcme.com).  
Web site: <http://www.pvcme.com>.  
Product types: beach wheelchair.

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**Bassmatic**

2512 Columbus Rd NE  
PO Box 2017  
Canton, OH 44705 USA  
Telephone: 330-455-3983.  
Fax: 330-455-6534.  
Product types: fishing accessory for amputees.

**Bubba Bobber, LLC**

P.O. Box 530906  
Birmingham, AL 35253-0906 USA  
Telephone: 205-870-3404.  
Fax: 205-870-8626.  
E-mail: [bubbabobber@aol.com](mailto:bubbabobber@aol.com).  
Web site: <http://www.bubbabobber.com>.  
Product types: swimming aid.

**C.A.T. L'Ensoleillade**

596 Chemin Beau-Vallon  
Juracon 64110, France  
Telephone: 011-33-5-59-06-47-20.  
Fax: 011-33-5-59-06-48-31.  
E-mail: [tiralo@tiralo.org](mailto:tiralo@tiralo.org).  
Web site: <http://www.tiralo.org>.  
Product types: Amphibious beach wheelchair, sold in the United States by Tiralo LLC.

**Danmar Products Inc**

221 Jackson Industrial Drive  
Ann Arbor, MI 48103 USA  
Telephone: 800-783-1998 toll free or 734-761-1990.  
Fax: 734-761-8977.  
Web site: <http://www.danmarproducts.com>.  
Product types: swimming aids.

**Deming Designs Inc.**

1090 Cobblestone Drive  
Pensacola, FL 32514 USA  
Telephone: 850-478-5765.  
Fax: 850-476-3361.  
E-mail: [kmdeming@aol.com](mailto:kmdeming@aol.com).  
Web site: <http://www.beachwheelchair.com>.  
Product types: beach wheelchair.

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**Electric Fishing Reel Systems, Inc.**

P.O. Box 20411

Greensboro, NC 27420 USA

Telephone: 336-273-9101.

Fax: 336-370-9411.

E-mail: [info@elec-tra-mate.com](mailto:info@elec-tra-mate.com).

Web site: <http://www.elec-tra-mate.com>.

Product types: fishing aid (sold by Access to Recreation).

**Endless Pools, Inc.**

200 East Dutton Mill Rd

Aston, PA 19014 USA

Telephone: 800-732-8660 toll free or 610-497-8676.

Fax: 610-497-9328.

E-mail: [swim@endlesspools.com](mailto:swim@endlesspools.com).

Web site: <http://www.endlesspools.com>.

Product types: aquatic exercise machine.

**EZ Knot**

5121 Edgewood Rd.

Adamsville, AL 35005 USA

Telephone: 205-674-1495.

E-mail: [imf@ezknot.com](mailto:imf@ezknot.com).

Web site: <http://ezknot.com>.

Product types: fishing line knotting aid.

**FJR Industries, Inc**

PO Box 968

Painesville, OH 44077 USA

Telephone: 440-352-9333.

Fax: 440-352-9333.

Web site: <http://www.fishingrodstuff.com>.

Product types: Pole-Lock Fishing Rod Holder.

**Flaghouse**

601 Flaghouse Drive

Hasbrouck Heights, NJ 07604 USA

Telephone: 800-793-7900 toll free or 201-288-7600.

Fax: 800-793-7922 toll free or 201-288-7887.

E-mail: [info@flaghouse.com](mailto:info@flaghouse.com).

Web site: <http://www.flaghouse.com>.

Product types: flotation swimming aids; wet vests.

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**Future Products Corporation**

P.O. Box 2993  
Gainsville, GA 30503 USA  
Telephone: 800-453-9399 toll free.  
E-mail: [info@mypoolpal.com](mailto:info@mypoolpal.com).  
Web site: <http://www.mypoolpal.com>.  
Product types: flotation aid / swim suits.

**Gabby's**

417 East 38th Avenue NE  
Calgary, Alberta T2E 6R9, Canada  
Telephone: 888-442-2297 toll free or 403-277-7754.  
Fax: 403-277-7754.  
E-mail: [info@gabbys.net](mailto:info@gabbys.net).  
Web site: <http://www.gabbys.net>.  
Product types: swim diapers.

**Healthline**

1065 E. Story Rd.  
Winter Garden, FL 34787 USA  
Telephone: 800-987-3577 toll free.  
Fax: 407-656-6328.  
E-mail: [pvcmeds1@aol.com](mailto:pvcmeds1@aol.com).  
Web site: <http://www.healthlinemedical.com>.  
Product types: beach and pool wheelchairs.

**Hosmer Dorrance Corp**

561 Division Street  
Campbell, CA 95008-6905 USA  
Telephone: 800-827-0070 toll free or 408-379-5151.  
Fax: 408-379-5263.  
E-mail: [hosmer@hosmer.com](mailto:hosmer@hosmer.com).  
Web site: <http://www.hosmer.com>.  
Product types: terminal device for holding a fishing pole with upper extremity prosthesis.

**HPI Marketing, LLC**

PO Box 1794  
Fargo, ND 58107 USA  
Telephone: 701-238-7721.  
Fax: 701-297-9432.  
E-mail: [info@wingedwaterwalker.com](mailto:info@wingedwaterwalker.com).  
Web site: <http://www.wingedwaterwalker.com>.  
Product types: aquatic exercise / therapy equipment (Winged Water Walker).

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**Hotshot Products**

1920 Del Amo Blvd. #A

Torrance, CA 90501 USA

Telephone: 310-533-5911.

Fax: 310-533-1971.

E-mail: [blhotshot@hotshotproducts.org](mailto:blhotshot@hotshotproducts.org).

Web site: <http://www.hotshotproducts.org>.

Product types: manual and powered beach wheelchairs.

**Hydro-Fit, Inc.**

123 Airpark Industrial Road

Alabaster, AL 35007 USA

Telephone: 800-938-3878 toll free or 205-403-7560.

Fax: 205-403-7566.

E-mail: [wetvest@sepcousa.com](mailto:wetvest@sepcousa.com).

Web site: <http://www.wetvest.com>.

Product types: swimming aids.

**Hydro-Tone Fitness Systems, Inc.**

16691 Gothard Street, Suite M

Huntington Beach, CA 92647 USA

Telephone: 800-622-8663 toll free or 714-848-8284.

Fax: 714-848-9035.

E-mail: [hydrotone@hydrotone.com](mailto:hydrotone@hydrotone.com).

Web site: <http://www.hydrotone.com>.

Product types: aquatic exercise equipment.

**Inventure Management Limited**

5917 – 1A St SW

Calgary, Alberta T2H 0G4, Canada

Telephone: 403-233-2293.

Fax: 403-233-2285.

E-mail: [steve@martin16.com](mailto:steve@martin16.com).

Web site: <http://www.martin16.com>.

Product types: accessible boats (distributor of Martin 16 sloop manufactured by Abbott Boats).

**JACO Enterprises**

PO Box 22084

Phoenix, AZ 85028 USA

Telephone: 800-678-0078 toll free or 602-942-1191.

Fax: 602-482-2216.

E-mail: [info@earband-it.com](mailto:info@earband-it.com).

Web site: <http://www.earbandit.com>.

Product types: swimming pool ear protectors.

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**Jason Marine Enterprises Inc.**

4311 NW 64th Avenue

Coral Springs, FL 33067 USA

Telephone: 888-773-3537 toll free or 954-346-5240.

Fax: 954-346-5240.

E-mail: [seeker1097@aol.com](mailto:seeker1097@aol.com).

Web site: <http://www.jmeseeker.com>.

Product types: manual and powered all-terrain / beach wheelchairs.

**J-Mac Industries**

73 UHL Path

Palm Coast, FL 32164 USA

Telephone: 386-437-6539.

Fax: 386-437-6539.

E-mail: [info@j-macindustries.com](mailto:info@j-macindustries.com).

Web site: <http://www.j-macindustries.com>.

Product types: beach wheelchair.

**Kierstead Water Skis, Inc.**

1040 Carlton Drive

Melbourne, FL 32935 USA

Telephone: 321-259-6737.

Fax: 321-253-2921.

E-mail: [sales@kiersteadskis.com](mailto:sales@kiersteadskis.com).

Web site: <http://www.kiersteadskis.com>.

Product types: sit water skis.

**Lavallee Enterprises**

9919 - 92 Street

Morinville, Alberta T8R 1J6, Canada

Telephone: 780-939-2466.

Fax: 780-939-2466.

E-mail: [lava46@telusplanet.net](mailto:lava46@telusplanet.net).

Web site: <http://www.pfd-a.com>.

Product types: flotation aids (distributor of products made by Life Jacket-Adapted Inc.).

**Life Jacket-Adapted Inc.**

P.O. Box 41

Saint-Sauveur, Quebec J0R 1R0, Canada

Web site: <http://www.pfd-a.com>.

Product types: flotation aids (distributed by Lavallee Enterprises).

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**Liftsmith LTD**

12706 St. Clair Drive  
Middletown, KY 40243 USA  
Telephone: 800-982-5715 toll free or 502-245-5487.  
Fax: 502-245-5487.  
E-mail: [info@liftsmith.com](mailto:info@liftsmith.com).  
Web site: <http://www.liftsmith.com>.  
Product types: pool lifts.

**Natural Access**

P.O. Box 5729  
Santa Monica, CA 90409-5729 USA  
Telephone: 800-411-7789 toll free or 310-392-9864.  
E-mail: [natural@superlink.net](mailto:natural@superlink.net).  
Web site: <http://www.landeez.com>.  
Product types: beach wheelchairs.

**OPTP**

PO Box 47009  
Minneapolis, MN 55447-0009 USA  
Telephone: 800-367-7393 toll free or 763-553-0452.  
Fax: 763-553-9355.  
E-mail: [optp@optp.com](mailto:optp@optp.com).  
Web site: <http://www.optp.com>.  
Product types: swimming pool exercise equipment.

**Pacific Design & Technology**

P.O. Box 394  
Lake Oswego, OR 97034 USA  
Telephone: 503-260-2467.  
Fax: 503-636-1282.  
Web site: <http://www.pacificdesignandtech.com>.  
Product types: LMD Elevating Deck to provide wheelchair access for yacht.

**Phoenix Poke Boats, Inc.**

207 N Broadway  
P O Box 100  
Berea, KY 40403 USA  
Telephone: 800-354- 0190 toll free.  
E-mail: [pokeboat@pokeboat.com](mailto:pokeboat@pokeboat.com).  
Web site: <http://www.pokeboat.com>.  
Product types: accessible boats.

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**Primex Marketing, Inc.**

3890 Industrial Way  
Benicia, CA 94510 USA  
Telephone: 800-369-1390 toll free or 707-751-3999.  
Fax: 707-751-3939.  
E-mail: o.werlin@roleez.com.  
Web site: <http://www.primexmarketing.com>.  
Product types: balloon wheels for beach wheelchairs.

**PPP Enterprises, Inc.**

2027 Pheasant Creek Dr.  
Martinez, GA 30907 USA  
Telephone: 706-855-7059.  
Fax: 706-855-1348.  
E-mail: pppent@webehave.com.  
Web site: <http://www.webehave.com>.  
Product types: children's swim diapers.

**Rehab Systems, LLC**

610 North University Drive  
Fargo, ND 58102 USA  
Telephone: 800-726-8620 toll free or 701-293-9175.  
Fax: 701-297-9702.  
Web site: <http://www.rehabsystems.net>.  
Product types: pool access equipment; pool wheelchair.

**RehaMed International LLC**

14008 SW 140 Street  
Miami, FL 33186 USA  
Telephone: 800-577-4424 toll free or 305-255-1400.  
Fax: 305-969-2155.  
E-mail: [info@poollifts.com](mailto:info@poollifts.com).  
Web site: <http://www.poollifts.com>.  
Product types: portable pool and dockside lifts.

**Ron Rantilla Rowing Systems**

30 Cutler Street #207  
Warren, RI 02885 USA  
Telephone: 401-247-1482.  
Fax: 401-247-1582.  
E-mail: [frontrower@juno.com](mailto:frontrower@juno.com).  
Web site: <http://www.frontrower.com>.  
Product types: rowing system to convert canoe or narrow boat for use by people with physical disabilities.



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**Sportime**

3155 Northwoods Pkwy  
Norcross, GA 30071 USA  
Telephone: 800-850-8602 toll free or 770-449-5700.  
Fax: 800-845-1535 toll free or 770-263-0897.  
E-mail: [customer.service@sportime.com](mailto:customer.service@sportime.com).  
Web site: <http://www.abilitations.com>.  
Product types: swimming aids.

**Sprint Rothhammer (Sprint Aquatics)**

PO Box 3840  
San Luis Obispo, CA 93403 USA  
Telephone: 800-235-2156 toll free.  
Fax: 805-541-5339.  
E-mail: [info@sprintaquatics.com](mailto:info@sprintaquatics.com).  
Web site: <http://www.sprintaquatics.com>.  
Product types: aquatic therapy and exercise equipment; swimming aids; swim clothing.

**Sunrise Medical**

7477 East Dry Creek Parkway  
Longmont, CO 80503 USA  
Telephone: 888-333-2572 toll free or 303-218-4600.  
Fax: 303-218-4590.  
Web site: <http://www.sunrisemedical.com>.  
Product types: pool lifts.

**SureHands Lift & Care Systems**

982 Route 1  
Pine Island, NY 10969-1205 USA  
Telephone: 800-724-5305 toll free or 845-258-6500.  
Fax: 845-258-6634.  
E-mail: [info@surehands.com](mailto:info@surehands.com).  
Web site: <http://www.surehands.com>.  
Product types: pool lifts.

**SwimEEZY USA Inc.**

PO Box 42506  
Portland, OR 97242-0506 USA  
Telephone: 503-701-6170.  
Fax: 503-848-6447.  
E-mail: [salesusa@swimeezy.com](mailto:salesusa@swimeezy.com).  
Web site: <http://www.swimeezy.com>.  
Product types: swimming and flotation aids.



















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## **HSA (Handicapped Scuba Association) International**

1104 El Prado

San Clemente, CA 92672-4637 USA

Telephone: 949-498-4540.

Fax: 949-498-6128.

Web site: <http://www.hsascuba.com>.

HSA International is a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the physical and social well-being of people with disabilities through the sport of scuba diving. HSA International sponsors scuba diving trips to the Caribbean, and offers classes for divers and training and certification for diving instructors.

## **International Foundation for Disabled Sailing**

Ariadne House

Town Quay

Southampton, Hampshire SO14 2AQ

United Kingdom

Telephone: 011-44-2380-635111.

Fax: 011-44-2380-635789.

E-mail: [ifds@isaf.co.uk](mailto:ifds@isaf.co.uk).

Web site: <http://www.sailing.org>.

The International Foundation for Disabled Sailing (IFDS) has been authorized by the International Sailing Federation (ISAF) to be responsible for disabled sailing around the world. IFDS works with its members to promote and support sailing for people with physical disabilities, blindness, deafness, and learning difficulties, including recreation, training, and racing. The IFDS works in close partnership with the ISAF and since April 2001 the IFDS Secretariat has been based within the ISAF Secretariat at Ariadne House in Southampton, UK.

## **Judd Goldman Adaptive Sailing Foundation**

Burnham Park Harbor Sailing Center

1362 S. Linn White Drive

Chicago, IL 60605-2470 USA

Telephone: 312-747-7684.

Web site: <http://www.juddgoldmansailing.org>.

In a public/private partnership with the Chicago Park District, the Judd Goldman Adaptive Sailing Foundation (JGASF) enables over 1,000 participants each year to experience the joy and independence of sailing. The program consists of seven Freedom Independence 20, three Sonar, and two 2.4 meter sailboats. In partnership with the Chicago Yacht Club, the JGASF has also been chosen by US Sailing as the host for the annual national disabled double and single-handed sailing championship, the Independence Cup.

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### **Ontario Sailing Association – Able Sail**

65 Guise St. E.

Hamilton, Ontario L8L 8B4, Canada

Telephone: 888-672-7245 toll free or 905-572-7245.

Fax: 877-677-7275 toll free or 905-572-6056.

E-mail: [ucansail@OntarioSailing.ca](mailto:ucansail@OntarioSailing.ca).

Web site: [http://ontariosailing.ca/Programs/Accessible\\_Sailing/](http://ontariosailing.ca/Programs/Accessible_Sailing/).

A program of the Ontario Sailing Association, Able Sail provides training in accessible sailing, sponsors races, and has an accessible boat loan program.

### **Shake-A-Leg, Inc.**

PO Box 1264

Newport, RI 02840 USA

Telephone: 401-849-8898.

Fax: 401-848-9072.

E-mail: [timf@shakealeg.org](mailto:timf@shakealeg.org).

Web site: <http://www.shakealeg.org>.

Shake-A-Leg, Inc. is a nonprofit organization serving people with disabilities, with an emphasis on spinal cord and related nervous system impairments. It offers an adaptive sailing program.

### **Shake-A-Leg Miami**

2620 South Bayshore Drive

Miami, FL 33133 USA

Telephone: 305-858-5550.

Fax: 305-858-6262.

Web site: <http://www.shakealegmiami.org>.

Shake-A-Leg Miami offers instructional and recreational programs for people with disabilities and their families, focusing on sailing and kayaking.

### **Southeastern Wisconsin Lions BOLD, Inc.**

Ken Sosalla, President

1764 Blackhawk Trail

Waukesha, WI 53186 USA

Telephone: 888-860-5608 toll free in-state or 414-482-2665.

Web site: <http://www.wisconsinbold.com>.

Southeastern Wisconsin Lions BOLD (Blind Outdoor Leisure Development) is an organization of blind and visually impaired individuals who participate in outdoor recreation, including winter sports (skiing) and aquatic activities (water skiing and canoeing).







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**United States Association of Blind Athletes (USABA)**

33 N. Institute St.

Colorado Springs, CO 80903 USA

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Fax: 719-630-0616.

E-mail: [mlucas@usaba.org](mailto:mlucas@usaba.org).

Web site: <http://www.usaba.org>.

USABA promotes competitive, world-class athletic opportunities for Americans who are blind or visually impaired by providing athlete and coach identification and support, program and event management, and national and international representation.

**For the most current listing of organizations and other resources for people with disabilities, visit the ABLEDATA Web site, <http://www.abledata.com>.**

