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⑤④ Minehunting and disposal system.

57) This invention provides a system comprising a parent ship providing support facilities for a plurality of operational craft (14) the operational craft (14) being relatively small and being provided with known mine detection and destruction equipment (34). The parent ship is preferably designed and equipped so as to be capable of carrying the operational craft (14) on board, such that the operational craft may be transported to the area of deployment. The operational craft (14) preferably have hulls (16) providing a substantial portion of its buoyancy submerged together with a relatively small water plane area, for example a Small Water Plane Area Hull type craft.

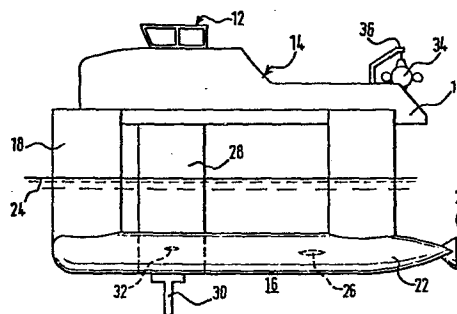


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