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(54) **Buoyant marker**

(57) A messenger buoy (10) is designed for floating in water to provide a visual message. The buoyant marker (10) includes a message portion (12) which protrudes in use from the water and which bears the message,

and a stabiliser portion (14) for locating in the water, the stabiliser portion including an opening for receiving a ballast material (36). The messenger buoy may be used to display a message in an area of water such as a lake or gravel pit on in coastal areas.

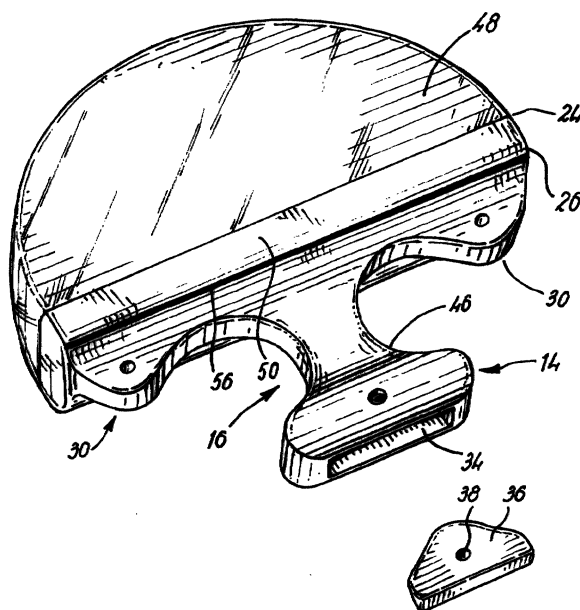


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