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(54) **FOLDABLE CANOPY FOR A BOAT**

(57) A retractable canopy having a fixed support coupled to a movable boom, an actuator to move the movable boom from a first position proximate a first end of a fixed support to a second position proximate a second end of the fixed support, at least one link coupled to the fixed support and the movable boom, at least one strut rotat-

ably and translatably coupled to the at least one link, and a cover coupled to the fixed support and the movable boom to be deployed from a storage configuration to a deployed configuration by movement of the movable boom.

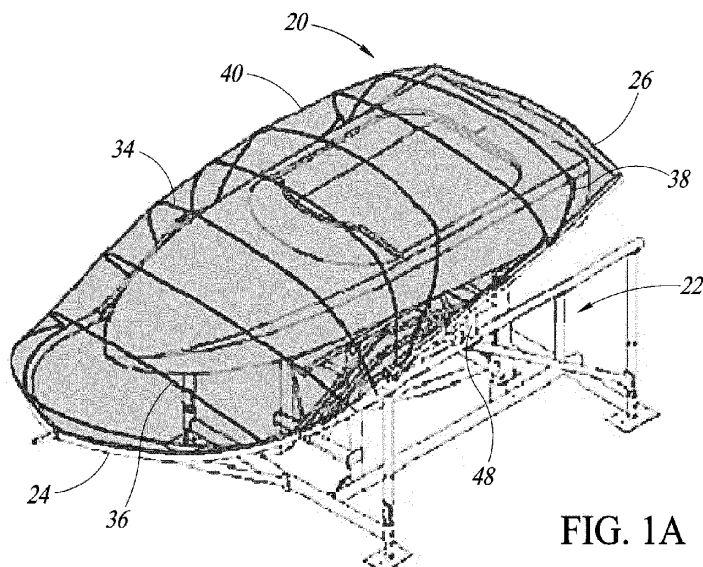


FIG. 1A



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1. claims: 1-5**a cover**

2. claims: 6-10**a support**

3. claims: 11-15**special configurations**

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