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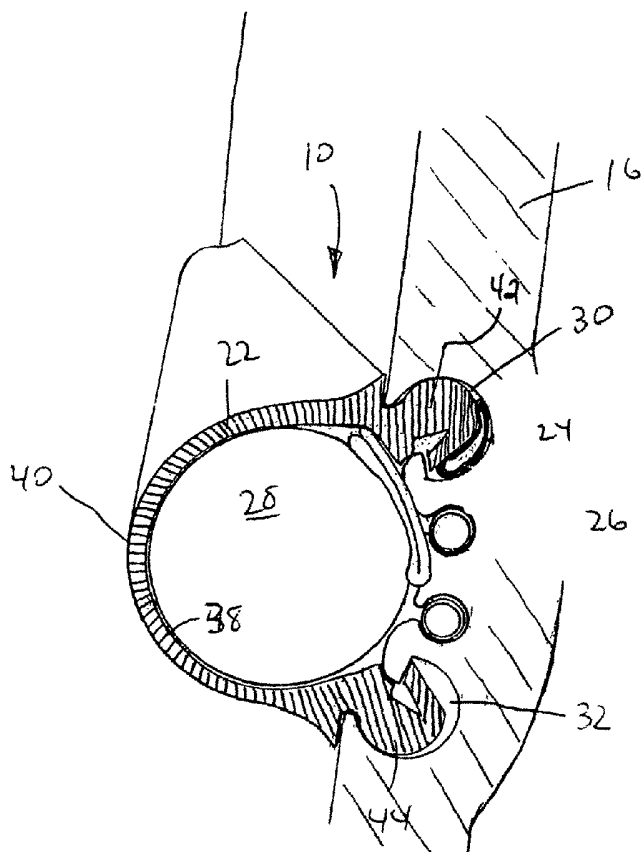
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(54) Title: INFLATING WATERCRAFT FLOTATION DEVICE



(57) Abstract: A flotation device for maintaining a wa-
tercraft in a floating condition is provided. as shown in
Figure 4. The flotation device comprises a mounting
plate (14) mounted to the watercraft with the mounting
plate having a first cover channel (30), a second cover
channel (32), a first bladder-retaining slot (50), and a
second bladder-retaining slot (52). A first collapsible
tubing (24) is receivable within the first cover channel.
An elongated cover (22) is receivable in the cover chan-
nels with the first collapsible tubing positioned between
the mounting plate and the first edge. A space defined
between the mounting plate and the cover with a direc-
tional bladder (26) and a flotation bladder (28) receiv-
able within the space. An inflation mechanism inflates
the first collapsible tubing and the directional bladder
and flotation bladder such that upon inflation of the first
collapsible tubing and the directional bladder, the first
edge of the cover is released from the first cover chan-
nel allowing the directional bladder and the flotation blad-
der to substantially inflate.



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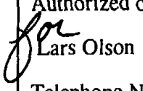
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