The object of this invention is to provide a waterproof container for securing and carrying, while swimming, such items as a wallet, watch, car keys, or other small valuables. A further object of this invention is to enable a watch to be carried in a dry condition inside a transparent covering so that it can be looked at by the swimmer and thus keep track of his remaining air supply.

A further object of this invention is to combine with the container a means for inflating it so that in an emergency it can be used as a life preserver. The same means can also be used to deflate it so that it will not produce unwanted buoyancy or drag on the swimmer.

Another object is to provide an item which can be easily and economically produced so as to be saleable and attractive to the growing number of skindivers.

Referring to the drawings:

FIGURE 1 shows a front view of the skindiver's belt.
FIGURE 2 shows a bottom view of FIGURE 1.
FIGURE 3 shows a back view, or the side that rests against the swimmer's body.
FIGURE 4 is a section of the lines 4—4 of FIGURE 1.
FIGURE 5 is a section on the lines 5—5 of FIGURE 1.
FIGURE 6 is a section on the lines 6—6 of FIGURE 2.
FIGURE 7 is a section on the lines 7—7 of FIGURE 8.
FIGURE 8 is a front view of a double-compartment belt.
FIGURE 9 is an enlarged view of a belt showing a watch, wallet and lighter outlined within the belt.

Referring to FIGURES 1 through 6, the securing or belt portion is shown at 1 with a conventional buckle at 2. The container portion of the belt is shown at 3 with an outer wall 3a and an inner wall 3b. The latter may be a separate wall as here shown and secured to the belt portion 1 with a suitable adhesive or other means, or in a modification, could be part of the securing belt.

An access end with an opening for the container is provided at 5. The ends 6 of the container walls fold under the sealing cam 7 which is supported by pin 8 in the U-shaped piece 9. The U-shaped piece may be held to the belt by clip 10 secured by adhesive or other means. Or the U-shaped piece and cam may be loose so that they can be slid toward the buckle to make access to the inside of the container easier.

A tube for inflating or deflating the container is shown at 12. It is connected through the outer wall at 13, held in place against the surface of the container by clips 14 and has a sealing cap 15.

On the inside of the outer wall 3a, a pocket 16 is provided with an open end 17 toward the access end of the container. A slot 16a is shown at the left end of the pocket through which a watch band may be inserted. The pocket is suitable for holding a watch with its face against the transparent outer wall so that it can be easily read while under water.

FIGURE 7, 8 and 9 show a modification with an inner partition 3c. The inner wall 3c will hold objects placed between 3e and 3h against the body and from bouncing around if the container should be inflated for use as a life preserver. The perforations 17 are provided to permit free passage of air between the compartments as when sucking out residual air after sealing the container. Except as noted above other similar parts of FIGURES 7, 8 and 9, are indicated by the same numbers as used in FIGURES 1 to 6.

Referring to the enlarged view of FIGURE 9, a watch is indicated at 18, a watch at 19, and a lighter at 20.

In use, the cam 9 would be turned to the left releasing its pressure on the folded over end of the container. The end can then be pulled through to the left providing an open end into which the hand may be inserted to place objects such as a wallet, a watch, car keys or other small valuables. The end is then folded over and pushed under the sealing cam and the cam turned to the right into the position as shown, thus creating pressure on the folded ends and effecting a water-tight seal.

The cap 15 may then be removed and residual air sucked out of the container, completely collapsing its walls. The cap replaces retains the water-tight integrity of the container. This container and belt would then be secured around the waist of the skindiver. The bottom of the belt with the watch in it may be bent out from the body, if desired, so that a better view of the watch in the inner pocket can be obtained. When in the water the container or belt will fit snugly to the swimmer's body and offer the minimum resistance to motion but at the same time keeping the swimmer's valuables safe and dry.

I claim:

1. A skindiver's belt comprising a flexible inflatable or collapsible container portion of substantial length along the belt, an opening in the container and means for closing the opening, a transparent flexible material forming the outer wall of the container means within the container, for holding a watch so that it may be read while it is in place in the pocket of the container, a flexible tube attached to the outer wall of the container, the said tube having a removable closure for its end, and being adapted for inflating the skindiver's belt while it is in place around his body.

2. An article of manufacture as set forth in claim 1 and a flexible wall inside the container so as to form separate container spaces.

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