BUOYANT BATHING APPLIANCE

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This invention relates to a buoyant bathing appliance which is particularly advantageous when used as a surf board or the like.

An object of my invention is to provide a novel bathing appliance with buoyant members thereof which are secured to the board in a novel and effective manner.

Another object is to provide a bathing appliance which is stable and will not readily turn when the bather is riding thereon.

Other objects, advantages and features of invention may appear from the accompanying drawings, the subjoined detailed description and the appended claims.

In the drawing:

Figure 1 is a plan view of my buoyant bathing appliance.

Figure 2 is a bottom plan view of the same.

Figure 3 is a side elevation of the same.

Figure 4 is a sectional view taken on line 4-4 of Figure 1.

Referring more particularly to the drawing, the numeral 1 indicates a long and relatively narrow board formed of wood or any suitable buoyant material. A plurality of pairs of hand holes 2—3 will be provided in the board 1 so that the bather can grip the board and hold himself thereon when riding in the surf.

A pair of stabilizing plates 4—5 are provided adjacent the rear end of the board 1, and consists of boards secured to the lower face of the board 1, and these plates extend outwardly and rearwardly at an angle as shown in Figures 1 and 2. A keel 6 is positioned central of the board 1, and extends longitudinally thereof. The purpose of this keel is to further assist in stabilizing the appliance, and also to guide it in a straight path.

The appliance is buoyed up by a hollow inflated ball 7. This ball is held in position on the appliance in the following manner. A hole 8 is cut in the board 1 at the forward end thereof, and this hole is of lesser diameter than the ball 7. That is, the ball must be deflated before it can be inserted through the hole 8. A netting 9 surrounds the ball 7, and the netting is drawn through the hole 8 and is secured to the under side of the board 1. Thus it will be seen that the ball is held securely in position and is also protected by the tip of the board 1. Inflatable balls 10—11 are provided adjacent the outer ends of the plates 4—5 respectively and are held in position in exactly the same manner as the ball 7.

Having described my invention, I claim:

1. A buoyant bathing appliance comprising a board formed of a buoyant material, a pair of outwardly extending stabilizing plates adjacent the rear end of said board, a bather having a hole adjacent the front end thereof, a netting secured to the board over said hole and an inflated ball of greater diameter than the hole positioned partly in the hole and held by the netting, said plates each having a hole therein, an inflated ball of greater diameter than the last named holes and netting over said last named holes whereby they are held in position.

2. A buoyant bathing appliance comprising a board formed of a buoyant material, a pair of outwardly extending stabilizing plates adjacent the rear end of said board, said board having a hole adjacent the front end thereof, a netting secured to the board over said hole and an inflated ball of greater diameter than the hole positioned partly in the hole and held by the netting, said plates each having a hole therein, an inflated ball of greater diameter than the last named holes and netting over said last named balls whereby they are held in position, a keel secured to said board and extending longitudinally thereof, and said board having pairs of hand holes therein.

3. A buoyant bathing appliance comprising a board formed of a buoyant material, a keel extending longitudinally thereof, pairs of hand holes in the board, said board hav-
ing a hole adjacent the forward end thereof, an inflated ball of greater diameter than the hole and netting surrounding said ball, and secured to the board, a pair of outwardly extending stabilizing plates adjacent the rear end of the board, each of said plates having a hole adjacent the outer end thereof, an inflated ball in each of the last named holes, said balls being of a greater diameter than the holes and netting surrounding the last named balls and secured to said plates.

In testimony whereof, I affix my signature.

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