

CPC COOPERATIVE PATENT CLASSIFICATION

B PERFORMING OPERATIONS; TRANSPORTING

(NOTES omitted)

TRANSPORTING

B63 SHIPS OR OTHER WATERBORNE VESSELS; RELATED EQUIPMENT

B63C LAUNCHING, HAULING-OUT, OR DRY-DOCKING OF VESSELS; LIFE-SAVING IN WATER; EQUIPMENT FOR DWELLING OR WORKING UNDER WATER; MEANS FOR SALVAGING OR SEARCHING FOR UNDERWATER OBJECTS (floating nets, floating slipways, or the like for recovering aircraft from the water [B63B 35/52](#))

NOTE

In this subclass, the indexing codes [B63B 2201/00](#) - [B63B 2241/00](#) are to be used for relevant technical information concerning particular or unusual use, materials, design, methods or means.

WARNING

In this subclass non-limiting references (in the sense of paragraph 39 of the Guide to the IPC) may still be displayed in the scheme.

1/00	Dry-docking of vessels or flying-boats (storing of vessels on land otherwise than by dry-docking B63C 15/00 ; mooring of vessels B63B 21/00 ; hydraulic-engineering aspects E02B)	2005/027	. . . { Stages, platforms, or seats suspended adjacent ship hulls on cables, chains, or the like, e.g. boatswain's chairs }
1/02	. Floating docks ({externally attached cofferdams and the like B63B 17/0018 ; } ship transporters with adjustable draught B63B 35/42)	5/04	. . Bilge or keel blocks
1/04	. . self docking	7/00	Salvaging of disabled, stranded, or sunken vessels; Salvaging of vessel parts or furnishings, e.g. of safes; Salvaging of other underwater objects (means for searching for underwater objects B63C 11/48)
1/06	. . Arrangements of pumping or filling equipment for raising or lowering docks	7/003	. { Righting capsized vessels, e.g. sailing vessels (self-righting life boats, life rafts or the like B63C 9/02) }
1/08	. Graving docks (locks E02C 1/00)	7/006	. { Emptying the contents of sunken, stranded, or disabled vessels, e.g. by engaging the vessel; Underwater collecting of buoyant contents, such as liquid, particulate or gaseous contents, escaping from sunken vessels, e.g. using funnels, or tents for recovery of escaping hydrocarbons (Cleaning or keeping clear the surface of open water in general E02B 15/00) }
1/10	. Centring devices	7/02	. in which the lifting is done by hauling
1/12	. Docks adapted for special vessels, e.g. submarines	7/04	. . using pontoons or the like
3/00	Launching or hauling-out by landborne slipways; Slipways (ship-borne guides for handling lifeboats or the like B63B 23/30 ; cranes winches, or the like B66 ; ship lifting for adapting to different water levels E02C)	7/06	. in which lifting action is generated in or adjacent to vessels or objects
3/02	. by longitudinal movement of vessel	7/08	. . using rigid floats
3/04	. by sideways movement of vessel	7/10	. . using inflatable floats external to vessels or objects
3/06	. by vertical movement of vessel, i.e. by crane	7/12	. . by bringing air or floating bodies or material into vessels or objects
3/08	. Tracks on slipways	2007/125	. . . { using buoyant masses, e.g. foams, or a large plurality of small buoyant objects }
3/10	. using releasing devices	7/14	. using freezing for closing holes or for strengthening the vessel or the like
3/12	. using cradles (vehicles in general for transporting boats or the like B60P)	7/16	. Apparatus engaging vessels or objects { (B63C 7/006 takes precedence) }
3/14	. using braking means	7/18	. . using nets
5/00	Equipment usable both on slipways and in dry docks	7/20	. . using grabs { (cable grapnels with grabs B63C 11/50) }
5/02	. Stagings; Scaffolding; Shores or struts		
2005/022	. . { Shores or struts, e.g. individual oblique support elements for stabilizing hulls in dry-docks }		
2005/025	. . { Stagings, or scaffolding, i.e. constructions providing temporary working platforms on slipways, in building or repair docks, or inside hulls }		

- 7/22 . . using electromagnets or suction devices
- 7/24 . Apparatus for passing chains or the like under vessels or objects
- 7/26 . Means for indicating the location of underwater objects, e.g. sunken vessels (means for searching for underwater objects [B63C 11/48](#); buoys in general [B63B 22/00](#))
- 7/28 . Refloating stranded vessels
- 7/30 . Floatable safes (safes in general [E05G](#))
- 9/00 Life-saving in water** (life-saving in general [A62B](#); arrangement or adaptation of signalling or lighting devices for ships, other waterborne vessels or for equipment for shipping [B63B 45/00](#); rescue equipment specially adapted for submarine personnel [B63G 8/40](#))
 - 9/0005 . {by means of alarm devices for persons falling into the water, e.g. by signalling, by controlling the propulsion or manoeuvring means of the boat (alarms responsive to presence of persons in a body of water in general [G08B 21/08](#))}
 - 9/0011 . . {enabling persons in the water to control the propulsion or manoeuvring means of the boat}
 - 2009/0017 . {characterised by making use of satellite radio beacon positioning systems, e.g. the Global Positioning System [GPS]}
 - 2009/0023 . {Particular features common to inflatable life-saving equipment}
 - 2009/0029 . . {Inflation devices comprising automatic activation means, e.g. for puncturing gas-generating cartridges}
 - 2009/0035 . . . {activated by deployment of inflatable life-saving equipment}
 - 2009/0041 . . . {activated by presence of water}
 - 2009/0047 {using electric means}
 - 2009/0052 {by water pressure}
 - 2009/0058 {using means soluble in water, or weakening when wet}
 - 2009/0064 . . . {Inflation devices using pyrotechnic means and comprising automatic activation}
 - 2009/007 . . {Inflation devices comprising manual activation means, e.g. for puncturing gas-generating cartridges}
 - 2009/0076 . . {Inflation devices making use of the Venturi-effect for enhancing the gas flow from the pressurized gas source by entraining ambient air, e.g. using eductor-jet pumps for decreasing inflation time}
 - 2009/0082 . . {Bladder restrictors, i.e. mechanical means, other than peripheral or circumferential means, for restricting expansion in inflated state of inflatable bladders or chambers, e.g. welded spots or lines, or internal braces for limiting thickness}
 - 2009/0088 . {characterised by making use of shark deterrents, e.g. electric, acoustic, mechanical or chemical means for deterring sharks}
 - 2009/0094 . {Equipment comprising means for providing users with victuals or drinks}
 - 9/01 . Air-sea rescue devices, i.e. equipment carried by, and capable of being dropped from, an aircraft (inflatable vessels [B63B 7/00](#); inflatable buoys [B63B 22/22](#))
- 9/02 . Lifeboats, life-rafts or the like, specially adapted for life-saving (floatable furniture [B63C 9/30](#); boats in general [B63B](#); inflatable vessels [B63B 7/00](#); equipment for handling lifeboats or the like [B63B 23/00](#); rafts [B63B 35/58](#))
 - 2009/023 . . {self-righting, i.e. returning into an upright position after upside down deployment, or capsizing}
 - 2009/026 . . {Covered lifeboats, or life-rafts comprising self-levelling compartments for occupants}
 - 9/03 . . enclosed
 - 2009/035 . . . {Enclosed lifeboats, or the like}
 - 9/04 . . Life-rafts
 - 2009/042 . . . {inflatable}
 - 2009/044 . . . {covered}
 - 2009/046 {reversible, i.e. deployable in upright or upside down positions}
 - 2009/048 . . . {Reversible open life-rafts}
 - 9/05 . . Shark screens, e.g. buoyant means combined with means to surround or otherwise enclose the user ([B63C 9/06](#) takes precedence)
 - 9/06 . Floatable closed containers with accommodation for one or more persons inside ([B63C 9/01](#) takes precedence)
 - 9/065 . . {for one person}
 - 9/08 . Life-buoys, e.g. rings; Life-belts, jackets, suits, or the like ({non-sinkable swimsuits, drawers or trunks [A41D 7/001](#) } ; equipment for swimming [A63B](#), e.g. swimming aids {other than life-buoys or life-belts} [A63B 31/00](#), {teaching frames for swimming, swimming boards [A63B 69/14](#)})
 - 9/081 . . {having compartments comprising elements which are filled with gas by deployment, e.g. sponge-like elements}
 - 9/082 . . {Annular or U-shaped life-buoys intended to be thrown to persons}
 - 2009/084 . . {for animals}
 - 2009/085 . . {comprising ballast means, e.g. solid ballast}
 - 9/087 . . Body suits, i.e. substantially covering the user's body {Immersion suits, i.e. substantially completely covering the user}({Professional, industrial, or sporting protective garments [A41D 13/00](#) for aquatic activities, e.g. with buoyancy aids [A41D 13/012](#) } diving suits [B63C 11/04](#), [B63C 11/10](#) {[B63C 9/081](#) takes precedence})
 - 9/093 . . . using solid buoyant material
 - 9/105 . . . having gas-filled compartments (connection of valves to inflatable elastic bodies [B60C 29/00](#))
 - 9/1055 {inflatable}
 - 9/11 . . covering the torso, e.g. harnesses ({[B63C 9/081](#) takes precedence})
 - 9/115 . . . using solid buoyant material
 - 9/125 . . . having gas-filled compartments (connection of valves to inflatable elastic bodies [B60C 29/00](#))
 - 9/1255 {inflatable}
 - 9/13 . . attachable to body member, e.g. arm, neck, head or waist ({[B63C 9/081](#) takes precedence})
 - 2009/131 . . . {specially adapted for being attachable to a single arm or wrist}
 - 2009/133 . . . {specially adapted for being attachable to the user's head or neck, e.g. like a cap or collar}
 - 9/135 . . . using solid buoyant material

9/15	. . . having gas-filled compartments (connection of valves to inflatable elastic bodies B60C 29/00)	2011/027	. . {Shells for diving equipment, i.e. substantially rigid housings or covers, e.g. streamlined shells (diving computer with shells B63C 2011/021 , shells for containers for goods or personal belongings of the diver B63C 11/02)}
9/155 {inflatable}		
9/18	. . Inflatable equipment characterised by the gas-generating {or inflation} device	2011/028	. . {Devices for underwater towing of divers or divers' sleds}
9/19	. . . Arrangements for puncturing gas-generating cartridges	11/04	. . Resilient suits
9/20	. . characterised by signalling means, e.g. lights (arrangement or adaptation of signalling or lighting devices for ships or other waterborne vessels B63B 45/00)	2011/043	. . . {Dry suits; Equipment therefor}
9/21	. {Boats, rafts, buoys or the like, characterised by signalling means, e.g. lights, reflectors (B63C 9/08 takes precedence)}	2011/046	. . . {Wet suits, or diving vests; Equipment therefor}
WARNING		11/06	. . . with rigid helmet
Group B63C 9/21 is no longer used for classification. Documents are in the process of being reorganised to B63B 45/00 and subgroups, and to B63C 9/20		11/08	. . . Control of air pressure within suit, e.g. for controlling buoyancy {; Buoyancy compensator vests, or the like}
9/22	. Devices for holding or launching life-buoys, inflatable life-rafts, or other floatable life-saving equipment (equipment for handling life-boats or the like B63B 23/00)	2011/085 {Buoyancy compensator vests}
9/23	. . Containers for inflatable life-saving equipment	11/10	. . Rigid suits
9/24	. {Arrangements of inflating valves or of controls thereof (connecting inflating valves to elastic bodies B60C 29/00)}	11/12	. . Diving masks
9/26	. Cast or life lines; Attachments thereto; Containers therefor; {Rescue nets or the like} (adaptations of aerial cableways to shipboard use B63B 27/18 ; guns for line throwing F41F ; line-carrying missiles F42B 12/68)	2011/121	. . . {comprising integrated optical signalling means or displays for data or images}
2009/265	. . {Nets or sheet-like devices, e.g. for lifting persons on board or for facilitating climbing on board}	2011/123	. . . {comprising integrated headlights, spotlights, or the like}
9/28	. Adaptations of vessel parts or furnishings to life-saving purposes	2011/125	. . . {comprising nose-clips, i.e. pinching devices for closing the user's nose, other than rubber blisters integral with flexible mask elements}
9/30	. . Floatable furniture	2011/126	. . . {Diving masks comprising periscopes, mirrors, or the like; Periscopes, mirrors, or the like specially adapted for use with diving masks}
9/32	. Equipment adapted to use on ice	2011/128	. . . {Straps, or the like for fastening diving masks; Accessories therefor, e.g. buckles}
11/00	Equipment for dwelling or working underwater; Means for searching for underwater objects (composition of chemical substances for use in breathing apparatus A62D 9/00 ; swimming aids or equipment A63B 31/00 - A63B 35/00 ; submarines B63G 8/00)	11/14	. . . with forced air supply
2011/005	. {Underwater equipment specially adapted for use by animals, e.g. diving helmets for dogs}	11/16	. . . with air supply by suction from diver, e.g. snorkels
11/02	. Divers' equipment	2011/165 {comprising two or more air ducts leading from the mouthpiece to the air inlet or outlet opening}
2011/021	. . {Diving computers, i.e. portable computers specially adapted for divers, e.g. wrist worn, watertight electronic devices for detecting or calculating scuba diving parameters}	11/18	. . Air supply (for diving masks B63C 11/14 , B63C 11/16 ; respiratory apparatus in general A62B)
2011/022	. . {for facilitating observation of objects in opaque liquids, e.g. in dirty, turbid or dark water}	2011/182	. . . {comprising devices for discharge of exhalation air into ambient water, e.g. ducts to back of head}
2011/023	. . {Accessories for diving arranged or for use outside the water}	11/184	. . . {Artificial gills}
2011/024	. . . {Tank racks, i.e. racks or mountings for storing breathing air tanks, e.g. onboard boats}	11/186	. . . {Mouthpieces}
2011/025	. . . {Transporting units specially adapted for transporting diver's equipment, such as breathing air tanks, diving suits, or the like}	2011/188	. . . {comprising warning means for breathing gas run-out}
2011/026	. . {Diving harnesses, or the like, e.g. for carrying breathing air tanks}	11/20	. . . from water surface
		11/202 {with forced air supply (B63C 11/14 takes precedence)}
		11/205 {with air supply by suction from diver, e.g. snorkels (B63C 11/16 takes precedence)}
		11/207 {with hoses connected to a float}
		11/22	. . . carried by diver
		11/2209 {First-stage regulators (B63C 11/2245 takes precedence)}
		2011/2218 {comprising hollow piston valves, i.e. regulator valves with hollow stems connecting valve seat end in high pressure chamber to low pressure chamber at piston end}
		11/2227 {Second-stage regulators (B63C 11/2245 takes precedence)}

- 11/2236 {Functionally interdependent first/second-stage regulators ([B63C 11/2245](#) takes precedence)}
- 11/2245 {With provisions for connection to a buoyancy compensator}
- 2011/2254 {comprising means for prevention of ice formation, e.g. means for heating breathing gas in first or second stage regulators}
- 2011/2263 {using breathing gas stored in its liquid phase, e.g. cryogenic breathing gas}
- 2011/2272 {Pumps specially adapted for filling breathing air into tanks for compressed air, e.g. manual pumps}
- 2011/2281 {Devices for securing breathing gas tanks to diving harnesses, or back pieces of diving jackets, e.g. straps; Tensioning devices therefor}
- 2011/229 {comprising fluid actuated tensioners, e.g. pneumatic jack tensioners for straps}
- 11/24 in closed circulation
- 11/26 . . Communication means, {e.g. means for signalling the presence of divers}([electric communication in general H04](#))
- 11/28 . . Heating, e.g. of divers' suits, of breathing air
- 11/30 . . Ballast {([weights worn on user's body for exercising A63B 21/065](#))}
- 2011/303 . . . {integral with, or directly attached to buoyancy compensator vests or to spiders of diver's backpacks combined therewith}
- 2011/306 . . . {Attachment means for quick release of ballast}
- 11/32 . . Decompression arrangements; Exercise equipment
- 11/325 . . . {[chambers used for it](#)}
- 11/34 . . Diving chambers with mechanical link, e.g. cable, to a base ([manipulators B25J](#); {externally attached cofferdams and the like [B63B 17/0018](#);} diving chambers without mechanical link to a base [B63G 8/00](#); caissons adapted to laying foundations [E02D 23/00](#) - [E02D 27/00](#))
- 11/36 . . of closed type
- 11/38 . . . with entrance above water surface
- 11/40 . . . adapted to specific work
- 11/42 . . . with independent propulsion or direction control
- 11/44 . . of open type, e.g. diving-bells
- 11/46 . . Divers' sleds or like craft, i.e. craft on which man in diving-suit rides
- 11/48 . . Means for searching for underwater objects ([means for indicating the location of sunken objects B63C 7/26](#); locating by use of the reflection or reradiation of radio or other waves [G01S](#) {; mountings of acoustic transducers in underwater equipment [G10K 11/006](#)})
- 11/49 . . Floating structures with underwater viewing devices, e.g. with windows {; Arrangements on floating structures of underwater viewing devices, e.g. on boats ([arrangement of visual equipment on submarines B63G 8/38](#))}
- 11/50 . . using grapnels
- 11/52 . . Tools specially adapted for working underwater, not otherwise provided for

13/00 **Equipment forming part of or attachable to vessels facilitating transport over land** ([amphibious craft, land vehicles convertible for use on water B60F](#); [land vehicles for carrying boats B60P](#); {[hand carts for transporting boats B62B](#); } [harnesses attachable to vessels for personal carrying A45F](#))

15/00 **Storing of vessels on land otherwise than by dry-docking**