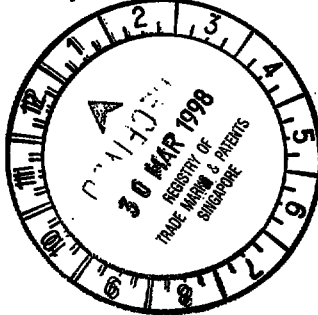


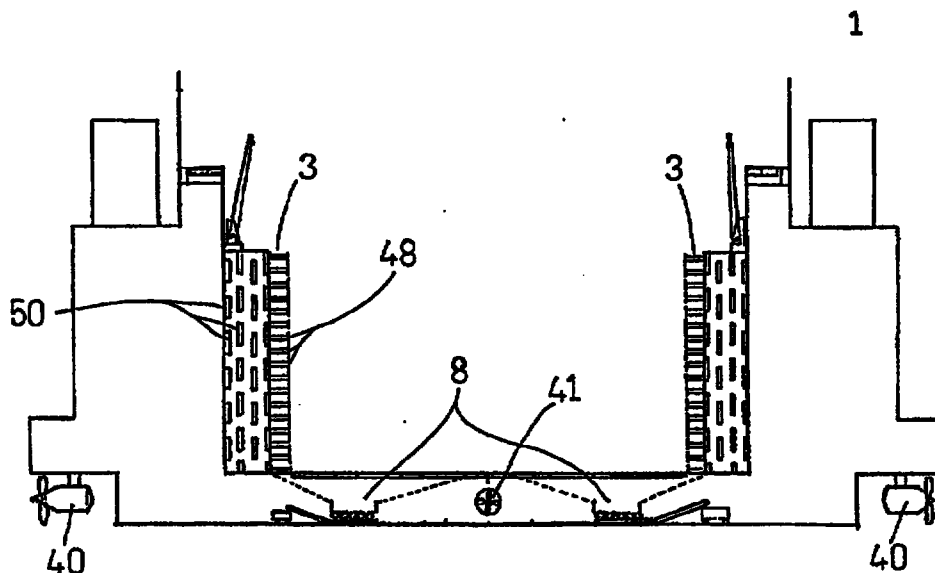


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(57) Abstract

A floating dock adapted to clean ship hulls and a method of cleaning ship hulls employing a floating dock which is ballasted and preferably independently manoeuvrable. The floating dock comprises a ship hull receiving means of substantially U-shape which can be at least partially submerged so that a base part, optionally including cleaning means, may be positioned beneath a ship hull. Lateral cleaning means (48) on at least one inner side of the ship hull receiving means may be adjusted, according to a ship's beam, to contact a side of the ship hull. Means are provided to adjust the position of the lateral cleaning means (48) to enable them to substantially follow the contour of the sides of the ship hull. Means (8) may also be provided to collect debris removed during the cleaning operation for later processing and/or dumping at a remote site.