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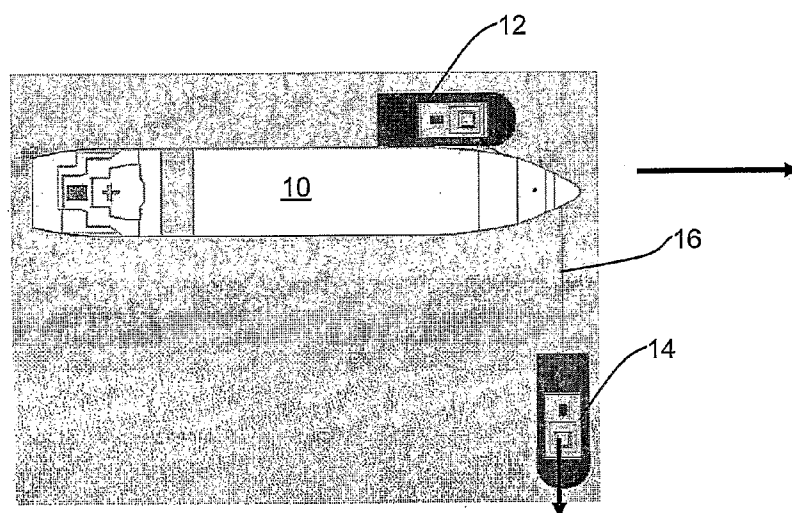
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(57) Abstract: A method for intercepting and yawing an errant sailing vessel is disclosed, wherein the vessel might have been hijacked or malfunctioned and in danger of colliding with an object. The method comprises despatching a pair of watercraft (12, 14) to approach said sailing vessel (10), providing a tow rope (16) to be secured at one end to first watercraft (12) and the other end to second watercraft (14). The tow rope (16) is brought to extend between the first (12) and second (14) watercrafts over the hull of said sailing vessel. The first watercraft (12) is then secured to one side of said sailing vessel's hull, while second watercraft (14) pulls the tow rope away from the direction of sailing on the other side of said vessel's hull. In an alternative embodiment, the tow rope end held by the first watercraft (12) may be secured directly to the vessel's hull, thus freeing the first watercraft to evacuate crew from the vessel to a safer distance.

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