METHOD OF INTERCEPTING AND YAWING A SAILING VESSEL

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 watercraft (12) to approach the sailing vessel (10) and secures itself to one side of the sailing vessel's hull. Preferably, a second watercraft (14) is secured to the other side of said vessel's hull. At least one of the watercrafts (12, 14) is then operated to direct propulsion thrust to yaw said vessel in a desired direction. Preferably still, the first and second watercrafts are each secured respectively to the right and left sides of the vessel's hull proximate to the stern or bow end. The first (right side) watercraft then operates a fluid propulsion which thrust is directed away from the vessel's right side while the second (left side) watercraft's propulsion is on standby. As a result, the vessel is turn rightward or clockwise. Conversely, the first watercraft may be put on standby while the second watercraft's propulsion is operated such that the thrust is directed away from the vessel's left side, thereby causing the vessel to turn leftward or anti-clockwise.

FIGURE 2 accompanies the abstract.