CLAIMS

1. A method for launching a structure configured to float in water, comprising the steps of:

loading the structure on a pontoon floating in water,

abutting under water at least one support pillar, connected to the structure, while the structure rests on the pontoon floating in water,

lowering the pontoon, vertically disengaging the pontoon from the structure, while the structure is supported by the at least one support pillar bearing under water, before:

removing the pontoon while the structure is supported by the at least one support pillar bearing under water, and

lowering the structure, still supported by the at least one support pillar, until the structure floats in water.

2. The launching method according to claim 1, wherein the at least one support pillar is removably connected to the structure, the method further including a step of separating the at least one support pillar from the structure once the structure floats in water.

3. The launching method according to claim 2, wherein the at least one support pillar is connected to the structure through a location for the fastening of an anchor line on the structure.

4. The launching method according to claim 1, further comprising a step of connecting the at least one support pillar to the structure before abutting under water the at least one support pillar.

5. The launching method according to claim 1, wherein the pontoon is lowered relative to a waterline of the pontoon during the pontoon lowering step.

6. The launching method according to claim 5, wherein the pontoon is ballasted to carry out the pontoon lowering step.

7. The launching method according to claim 1, wherein a level of the water goes down during the pontoon lowering step.

8. The launching method according to claim 7, wherein the tide lowers the level of the water during the lowering of the pontoon.

9. The launching method according to claim 1, wherein at least one vertical hydraulic and/or mechanical actuating cylinder is interposed between the at least one support pillar and the structure.

10. The launching method of claim 1, wherein the structure is a floating platform.