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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
SOUTHERN DIVISION

AMERICAN UNDERWATER  
PRODUCTS, INC.,

Plaintiff,

vs.

AMPHIBIAN LABS, LLC,  
Defendant.

Case No. SACV 12 - 01948 CJC (JPRx)

**COMPLAINT FOR PATENT  
INFRINGEMENT  
DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL**

Plaintiff AMERICAN UNDERWATER PRODUCTS, INC. ("Oceanic") brings this action against AMPHIBIAN LABS, LLC ("Amphibian"), and for its causes of action allege:

**JURISDICTION**

1. This is an action for patent infringement in violation of the patent laws of the United States, 35 U.S.C. § 1, et seq. This Court has jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1338(a).

2. Venue is proper under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1391(b) and (c) and 1400(b) in that Defendant has made, used, offered for sale, sold and/or imported infringing products throughout the United States, in California, and within this judicial district, and has offered for sale and/or sold infringing products to others for resale within California and this judicial district.

**PARTIES**

3. Plaintiff American Underwater Products, Inc. is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the state of California, having a principal place of business at 2002 Davis Street, San Leandro, California, 94577.

4. On information and belief, Defendant Amphibian Labs, LLC is a limited liability corporation organized and existing under the laws of the state of South Carolina, having a principal place of business at 425 Kimbrell Xing, Fort Mill, South Carolina 29715.

5. On information and belief, Amphibian regularly conducts business throughout the United States, within the State of California, and within this judicial district, including offering for sale and/or selling infringing products.

**FACTUAL BACKGROUND**

6. Oceanic is the assignee of U.S. Pat. No. 6,972,715 entitled "Dive Computer with Global Positioning System Receiver" (a copy of which is attached as Exhibit A) ("the '715 patent").

7. Oceanic is the assignee of U.S. Pat. No. 8,174,436 entitled "Dive Computer with Global Positioning System Receiver" (a copy of which is attached as Exhibit B) ("the '436 patent").

8. Oceanic has recently become aware that Amphibian is making, using, offering for sale, selling and/or importing a dive computer that infringes the '715 and '436 patents.

**TORTIOUS ACTIVITIES OF DEFENDANTS**

9. Defendant Amphibian has in the past, and continues to presently make, use, offer for sale, sell, and/or import products that infringe, either directly or indirectly, one or more claims of the '715 patent.

10. Defendant Amphibian has in the past, and continues to presently make, use, offer for sale, sell, and/or import products that infringe, either directly or indirectly, one or more claims of the '436 patent.

1 11. The infringing products include without limitation products  
2 identified as "iGills SE-35" on Amphibian's website, located at  
3 <http://www.igills.com/>.

4 12. On its website, Amphibian claims "The SE-35 along with the free  
5 iGills iPhone diving app transform your iPhone into the worlds first and only  
6 Smart Diving System."

7 13. The iGills SE-35 is designed to be used in combination with an  
8 iPhone.

9 14. Amphibian directs users to download the "free iGills iPhone diving  
10 app."

11 15. Amphibian directs users to combine the iGills SE-35 with an iPhone.

12 16. The iGills SE-35 is especially made to function as a dive computer  
13 when combined with an iPhone and the iGills iPhone diving app, and the iGills  
14 SE-35 has no substantial use when not combined with an iPhone and the iGills  
15 iPhone diving app.

16 17. Amphibian offers for sale, and sells the "iGills SE-35" within the  
17 United States, and specifically within California, including within this judicial  
18 district.

19 18. On information and belief, Amphibian also sells the "iGills SE-35"  
20 to others for the purposes of resale and distribution within the United States,  
21 within California, and within this judicial district.

22 19. Defendant Amphibian's actions infringing the '715 patent have been  
23 and are without the consent or authorization of Plaintiff Oceanic.

24 20. Defendant Amphibian's actions infringing the '436 patent have been  
25 and are without the consent or authorization of Plaintiff Oceanic.

26 **FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION**

27 **PATENT INFRINGEMENT IN VIOLATION OF 35 U.S.C. §271**

28 21. Plaintiff refers to and incorporates in this Cause Paragraphs 1

1 through 20, above, as though restated herein in full.

2 22. Defendant has and continues to make, use, offer for sale, sell, and  
3 import products that infringe one or more claims of the '715 patent.

4 23. Defendant has and continues to make, use, offer for sale, sell, and  
5 import products that infringe one or more claims of the '436 patent.

6 24. By its aforesaid acts, Defendant has violated 35 U.S.C. § 271(a) by  
7 its infringement of the '715 and '436 patents.

8 25. On information and belief, Defendant's infringement of the '715  
9 patent, both presently, and in the past, has been willful.

10 26. On information and belief, Defendant's infringement of the '436  
11 patent, both presently, and in the past, has been willful.

12 27. On information and belief, the acts of infringement of Defendant will  
13 continue unless enjoined by this Court.

14 28. Plaintiff is being damaged by Defendant's infringement of the '715  
15 and '436 patents and is being and will continue to be irreparably harmed unless  
16 Defendant's infringement is enjoined by this Court. Plaintiff, therefore, does not  
17 have an adequate remedy at law.

18 29. This is an "exceptional case" within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. § 285.

19 **SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION**

20 **CONTRIBUTORY/INDUCING PATENT INFRINGEMENT IN**

21 **VIOLATION OF 35 U.S.C. §271**

22 30. Plaintiff refers to and incorporates in this Cause, Paragraphs 1  
23 through 29, above, as though restated herein in full.

24 31. Defendant has in the past, and continues to presently supply the  
25 iGills SE-35 for use as a dive computer in combination with an iPhone and the  
26 iGills iPhone diving app.

27 32. Amphibian directs users to combine the iGills SE-35 with an iPhone  
28 and the iGills iPhone diving app.

1           33. The iGills SE-35, when combined with and iPhone and the iGills  
2 iPhone diving app as directed by Amphibian, directly infringes one or more  
3 claims of each of the '715 and '436 patents.

4           34. The iGills SE-35 is material to practicing one or more claims of each  
5 of the '715 and '436 patents, has no substantial non-infringing uses, and is known  
6 by Amphibian to be especially made or especially adapted for use in an  
7 infringement of the '715 and '436 patents.

8           35. On information and belief, Amphibian directs users to combine the  
9 iGills SE-35 with an iPhone and the iGills iPhone diving app knowing such  
10 combination to directly infringe one or more claims of each of the '715 and '436  
11 patents.

12           36. Through such activities, Amphibian is liable for inducing  
13 infringement of the '715 and '436 patents.

14           37. Through such activities, Amphibian is liable for contributory  
15 infringement of the '715 and '436 patents.

16           38. On information and belief, Amphibian's inducement of infringement  
17 of the '715 and '436 patents, both presently, and in the past, has been willful.

18           39. On information and belief, Amphibian's contributory infringement  
19 of the '715 and '436 patents, both presently, and in the past, has been willful.

20           40. On information and belief, Amphibian's inducement of infringement  
21 will continue unless enjoined by this Court.

22           41. On information and belief, Amphibian's contributory infringement  
23 will continue unless enjoined by this Court.

24           42. Plaintiff is being damaged by Defendant's inducement of  
25 infringement of the '715 and '436 patents, and is currently being and will  
26 continue to be irreparably harmed unless Defendant's actions are enjoined by this  
27 Court. Plaintiff, therefore, does not have an adequate remedy at law.

28           43. Plaintiff is being damaged by Defendant's contributory infringement



1 of the '715 and '436 patents, and is currently being and will continue to be  
2 irreparably harmed unless Defendant's actions are enjoined by this Court.  
3 Plaintiff, therefore, does not have an adequate remedy at law.

4 44. This is an "exceptional case" within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. § 285.

5 **RELIEF REQUESTED**

6 WHEREFORE, Plaintiff Oceanic demands judgment against Defendant  
7 Amphibian as follows:

8 1. That this Court adjudge and declare:

9 a. That it has jurisdiction of the parties and of the subject matter  
10 of this action;

11 b. That United States Patent No. 6,972,715 ("the '715 patent) is  
12 valid;

13 c. That United States Patent No. 8,174,436 ("the '436 patent) is  
14 valid;

15 d. That Defendant Amphibian has committed acts of patent  
16 infringement by its manufacture, importation, use, offer for sale, and sale of  
17 products which infringe the '715 patent;

18 e. That Defendant Amphibian has committed acts of patent  
19 infringement by its manufacture, importation, use, offer for sale, and sale of  
20 products which infringe the '436 patent;

21 f. That Defendant Amphibian has induced infringement of the  
22 '715 patent;

23 g. That Defendant Amphibian has induced infringement of the  
24 '436 patent;

25 h. That Defendant Amphibian has committed contributory  
26 infringement of the '715 patent;

27 i. That Defendant Amphibian has committed contributory  
28 infringement of the '436 patent;

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2           2.     That Defendant Amphibian, its respective officers, directors, owners,  
3 agents, representatives, employees, assigns and suppliers, and all persons acting  
4 in concert or privity with it be preliminarily and permanently enjoined from  
5 making, using, importing, offering for sale or selling any device which infringes,  
6 either directly or indirectly, either the '715 or '436 patent;

7           3.     That Plaintiff be awarded damages covered by the acts of patent  
8 infringement of Defendant in the amount of Plaintiff's lost profits to be  
9 determined at trial, but in any event, an amount not less than a reasonable royalty  
10 pursuant to 25 U.S.C. § 284;

11           4.     That the damage award be trebled due to Defendant's willful  
12 infringement;

13           5.     That Defendant pay Plaintiff prejudgment interest;

14           6.     That Plaintiff have and recover its costs in this action, including  
15 attorneys' fees; and

16           7.     That Plaintiff have such other and further relief as the court may  
17 deem just and proper.

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19 DATED: November 7, 2012

Respectfully submitted,

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24 Attorneys for Plaintiffs, AMERICAN  
25 UNDERWATER PRODUCTS, INC.  
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**DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL**

Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure Rule 38(b), Plaintiff  
AMERICAN UNDERWATER PRODUCTS, INC. hereby demands a trial by  
jury of all issues in its Complaint so triable.

DATED: November 7, 2012

Respectfully submitted,

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# Exhibit A

(12) **United States Patent**  
**Hollis et al.**

(10) **Patent No.: US 6,972,715 B2**  
(45) **Date of Patent: Dec. 6, 2005**

(54) **DIVE COMPUTER WITH GLOBAL POSITIONING SYSTEM RECEIVER**

(75) Inventors: **Robert R. Hollis**, Castro Valley, CA (US); **John E. Lewis**, Rancho Palos Verdes, CA (US)

(73) Assignee: **American Underwater Products**, San Leandro, CA (US)

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(51) **Int. Cl.**<sup>7</sup> ..... **G01S 5/14**

(52) **U.S. Cl.** ..... **342/357.07**

(58) **Field of Search** ..... 342/357.06, 357.07, 342/357.08; 367/910, 132, 13

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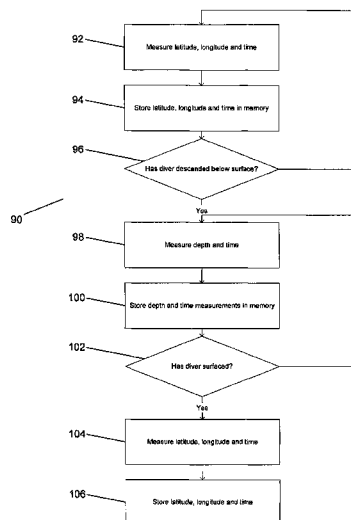
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(57) **ABSTRACT**

Dive computers and methods of logging information including position, audio and video information are disclosed. In one embodiment, the invention includes a processor, a global positioning system receiver connected to the processor and a pressure transducer connected to the processor.

**32 Claims, 16 Drawing Sheets**

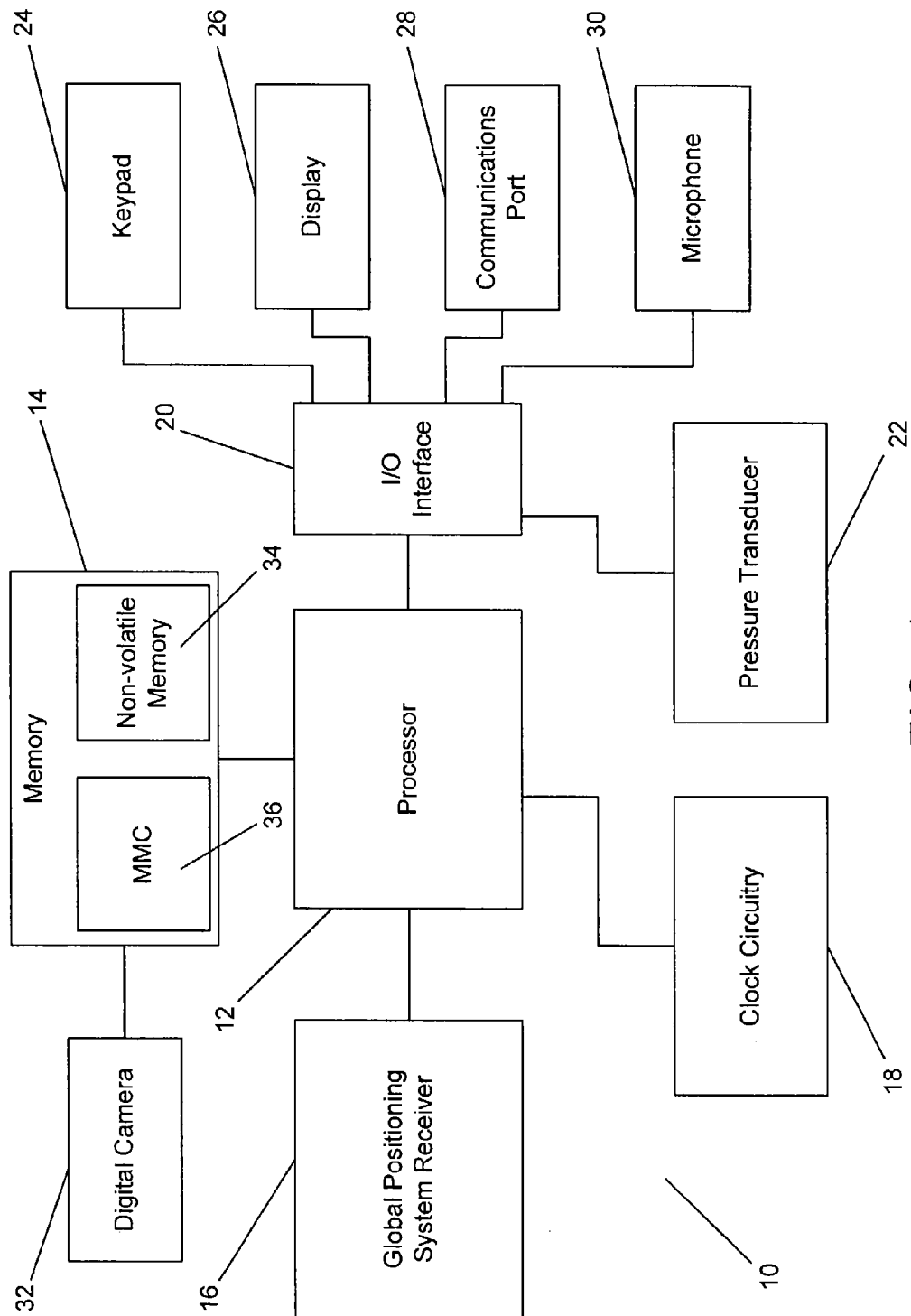


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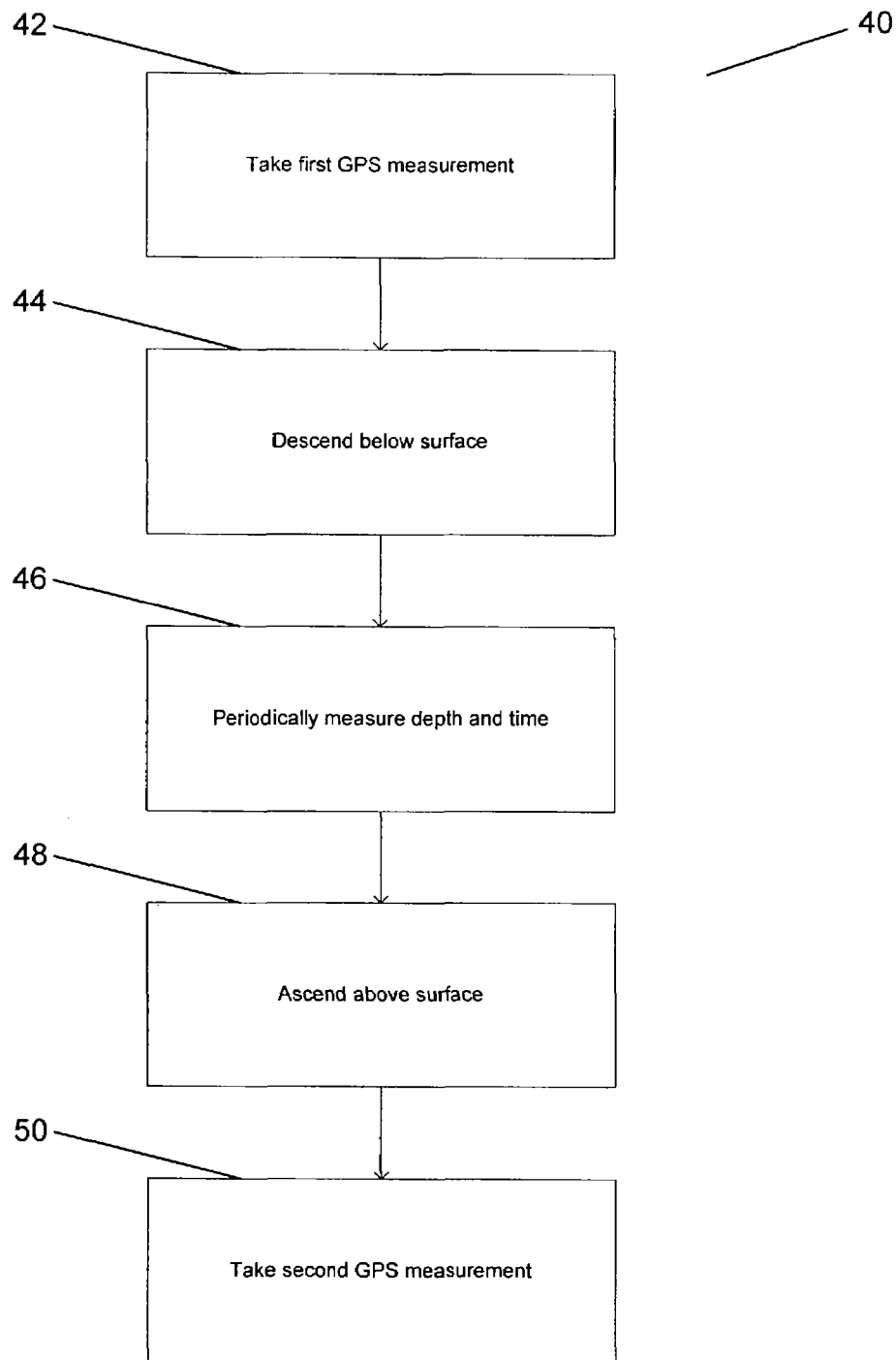
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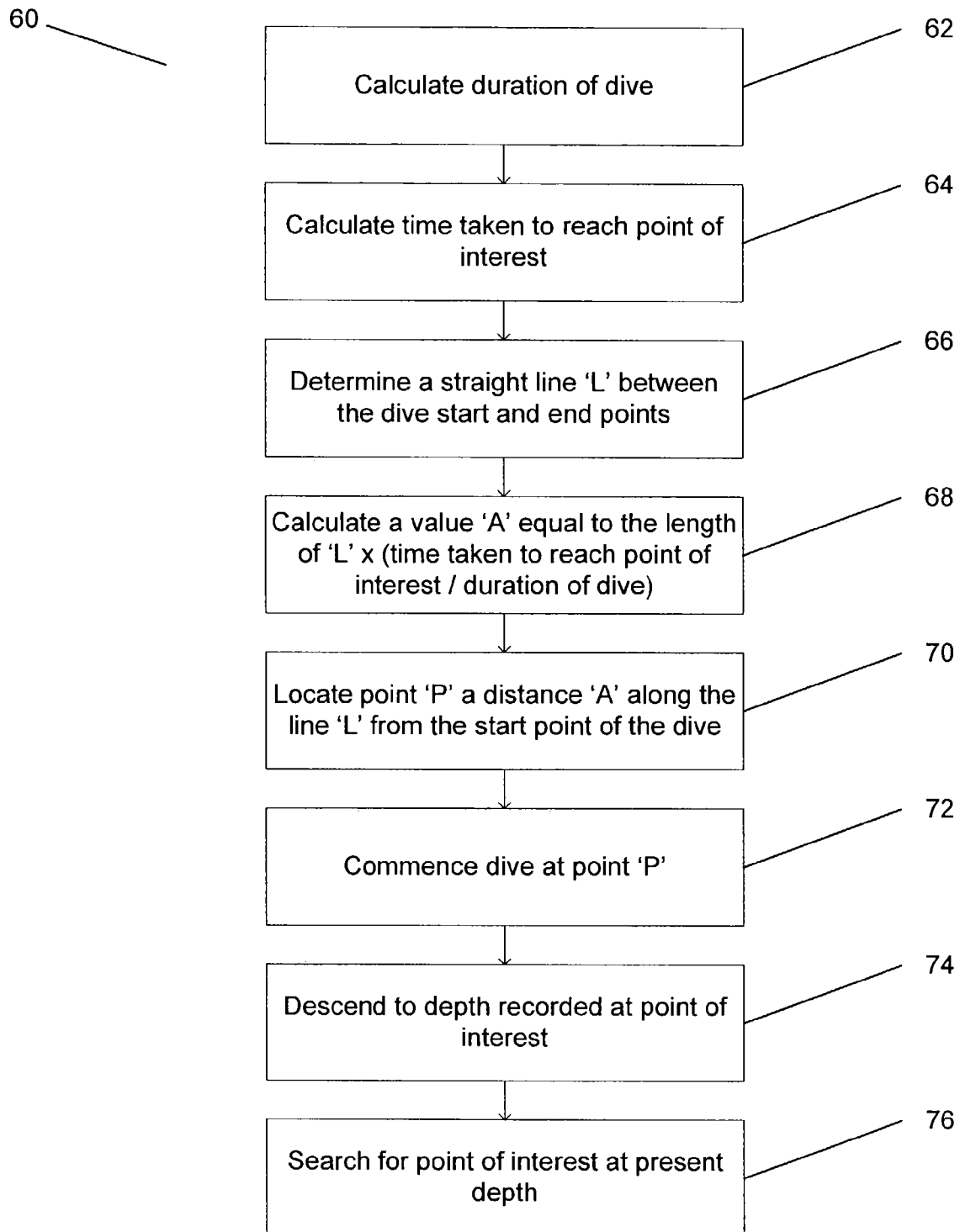


**FIG. 2**

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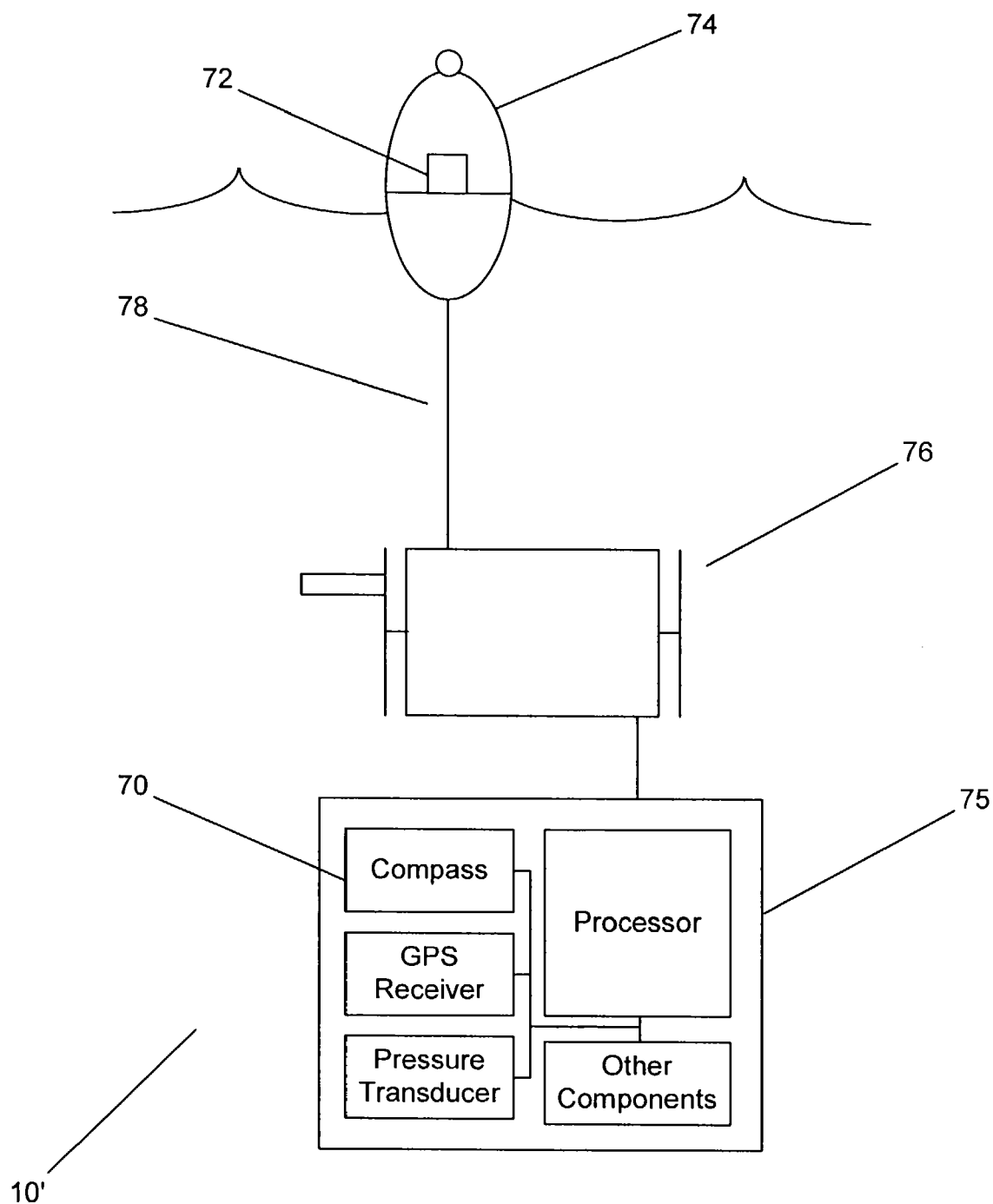
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**FIG. 4**





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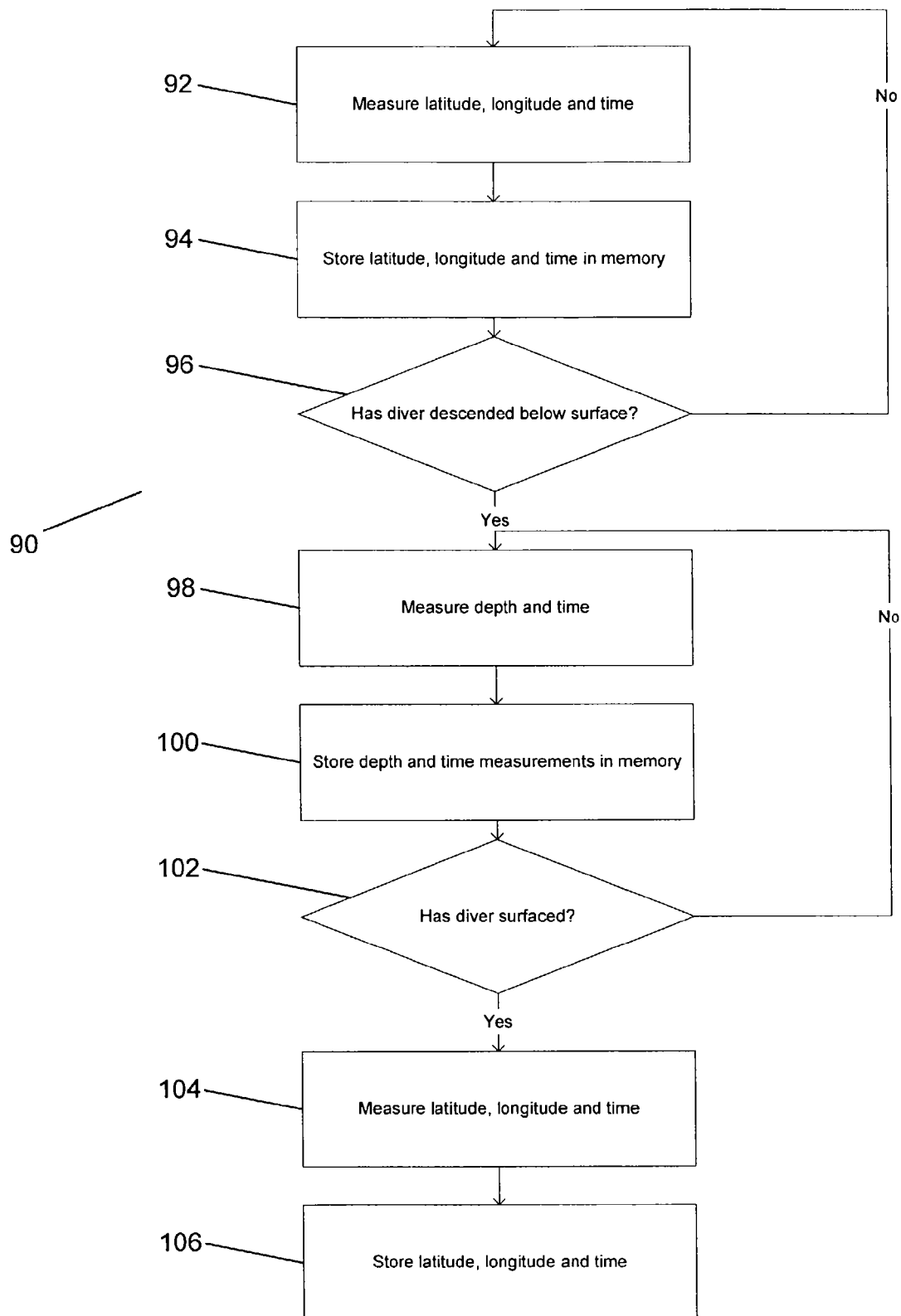


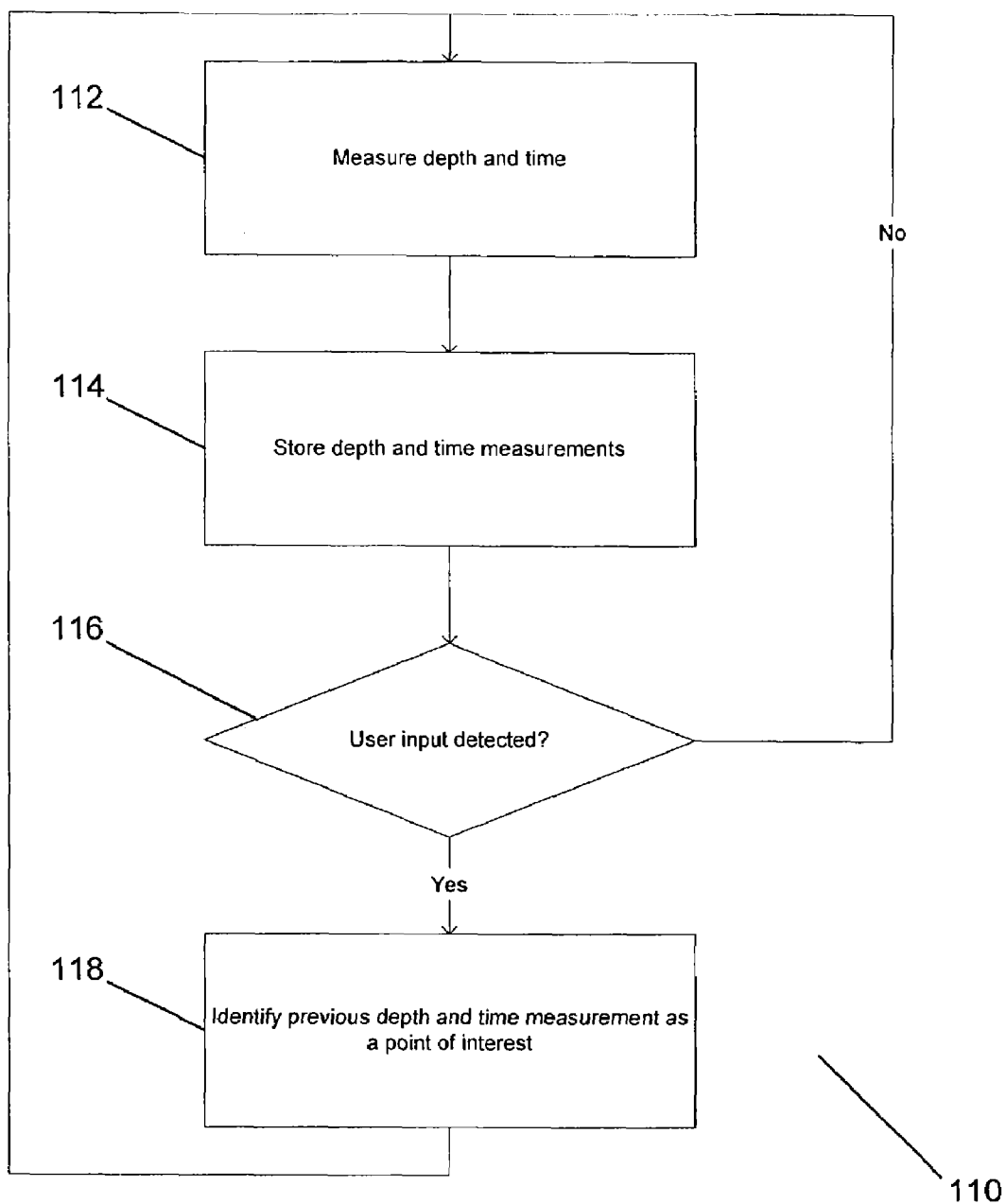
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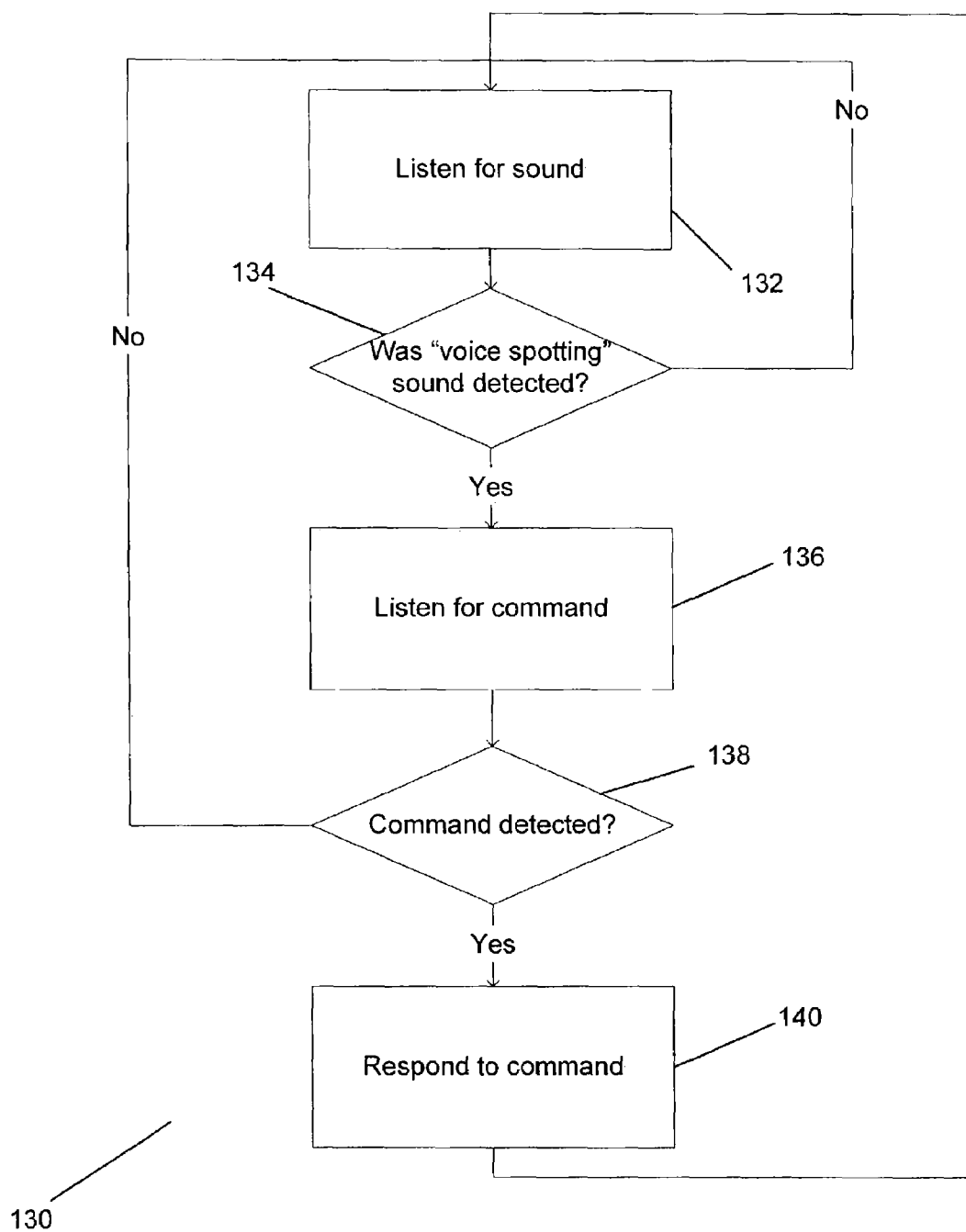


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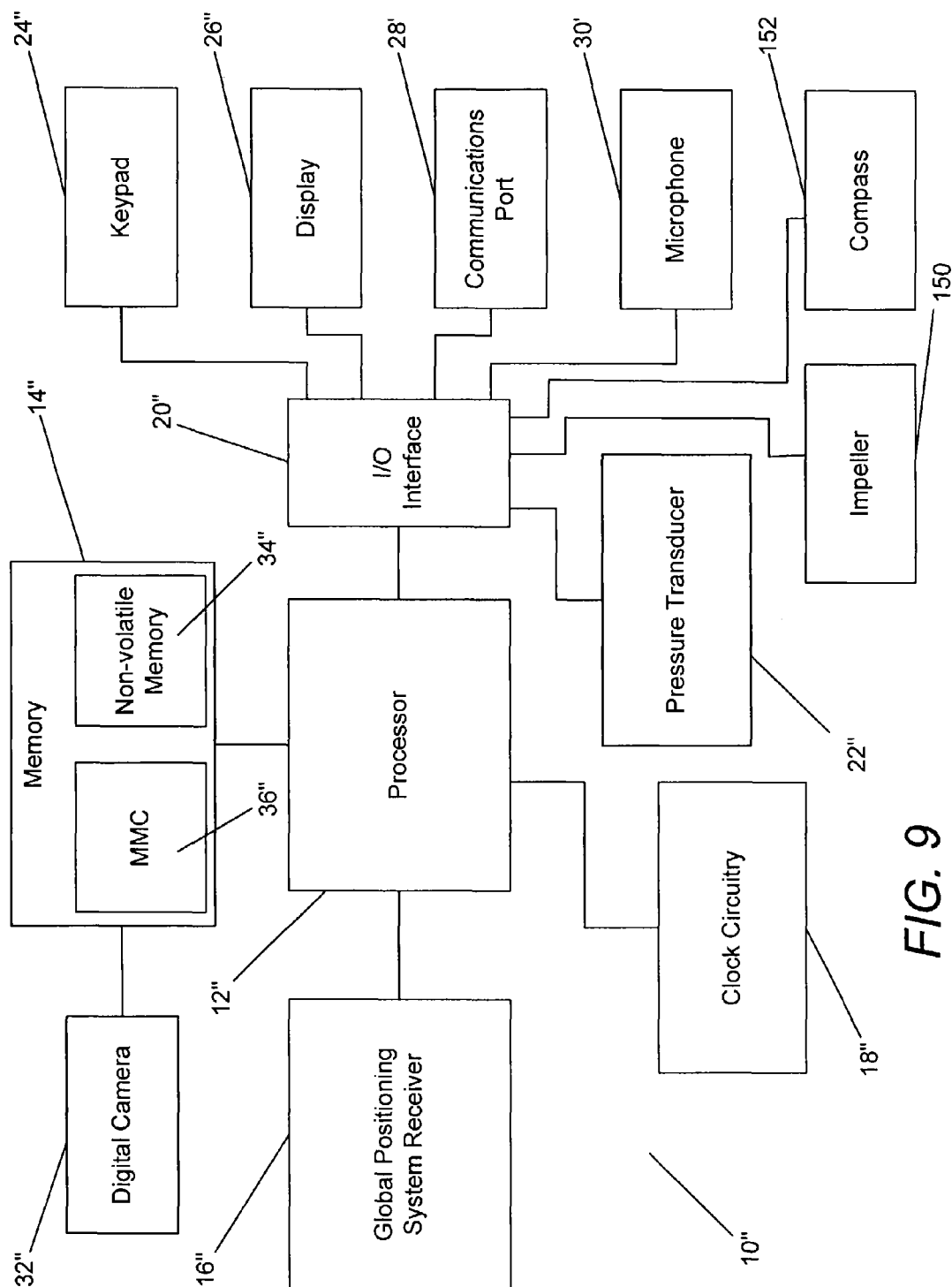


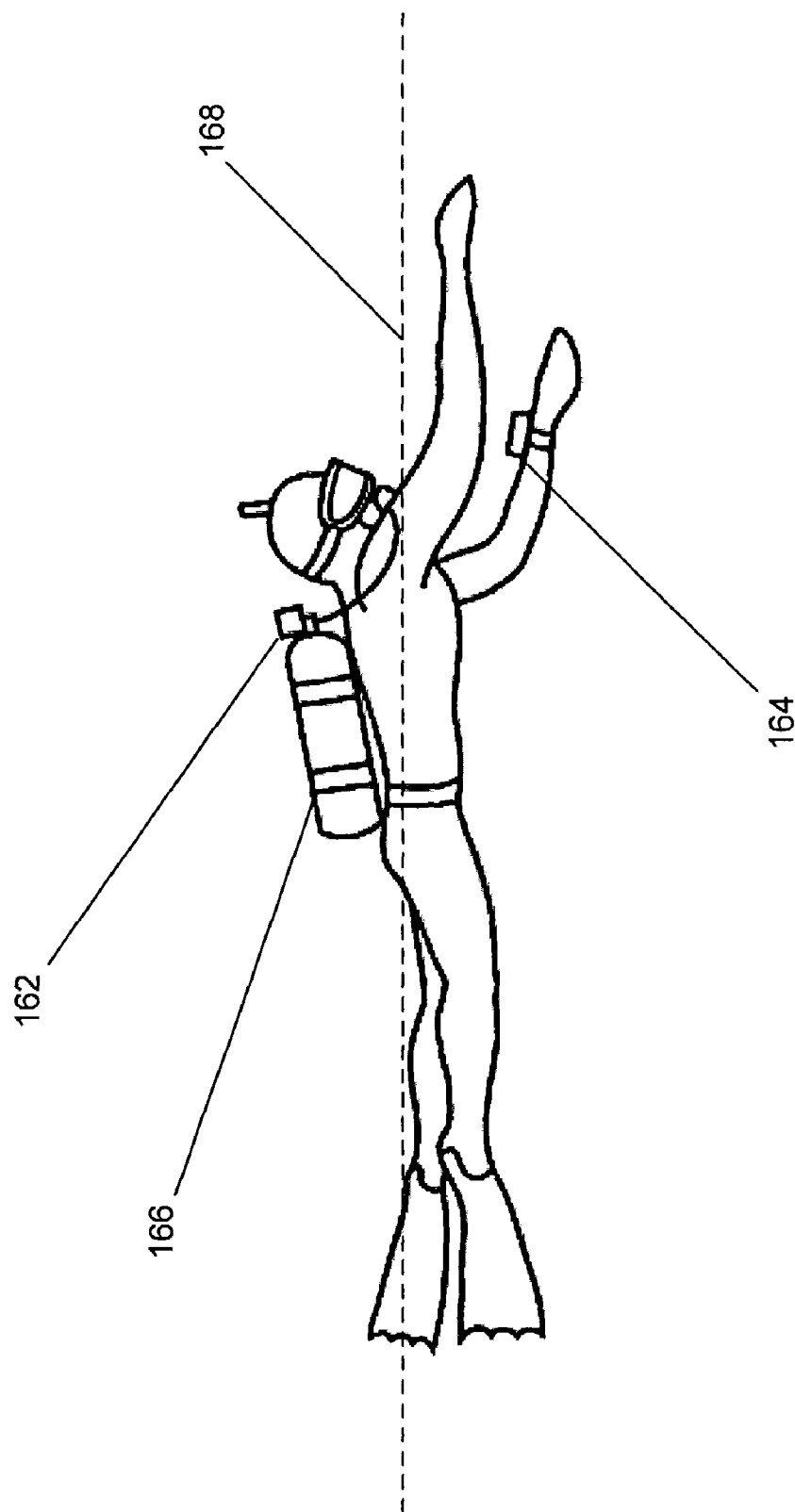
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**FIG. 10A**

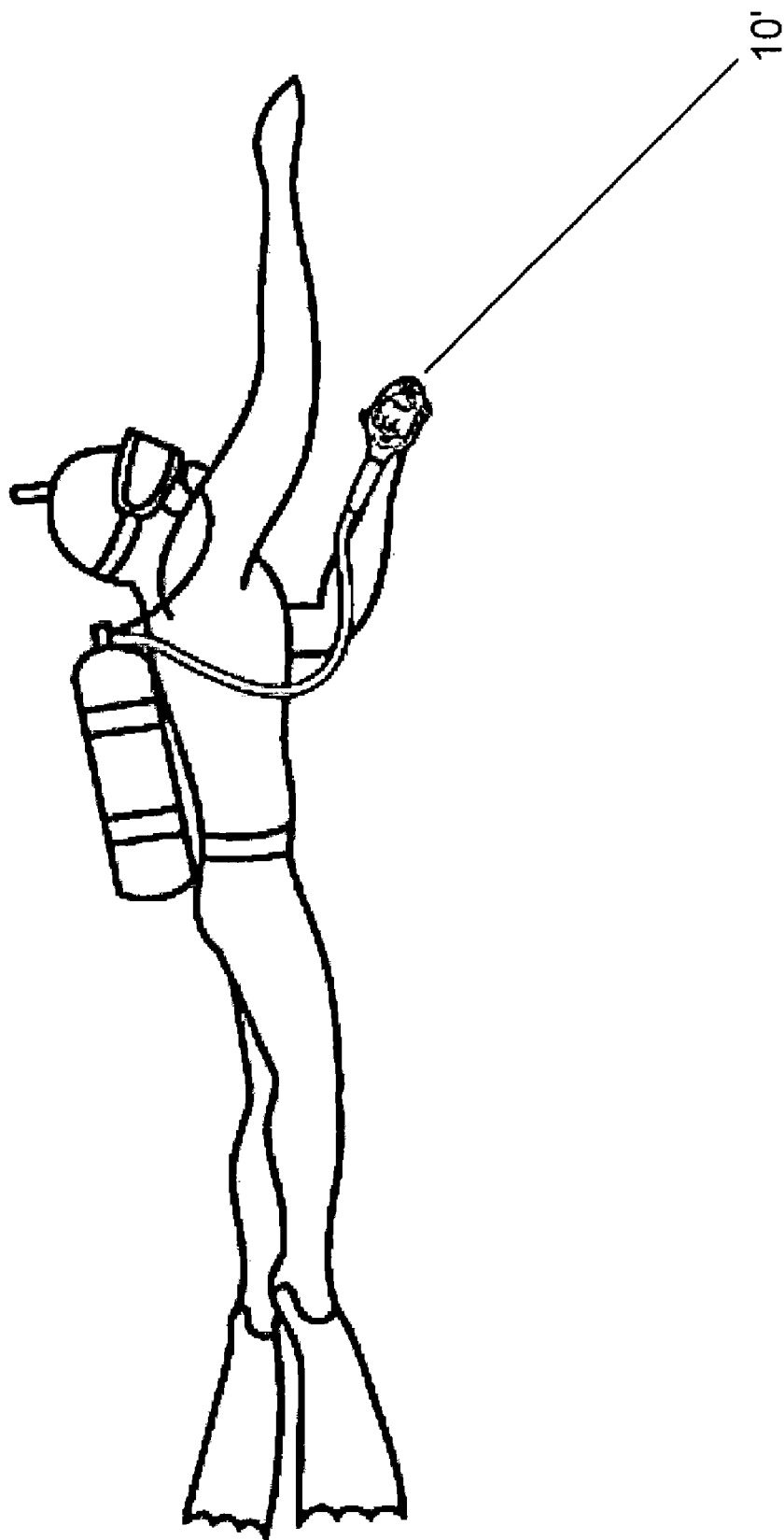


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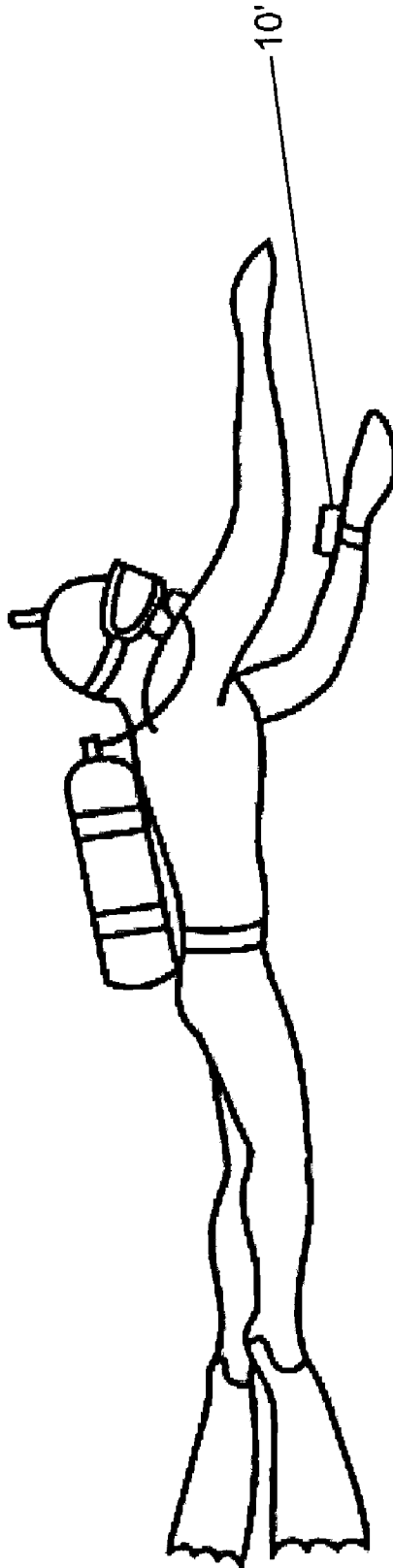
**FIG. 10B**

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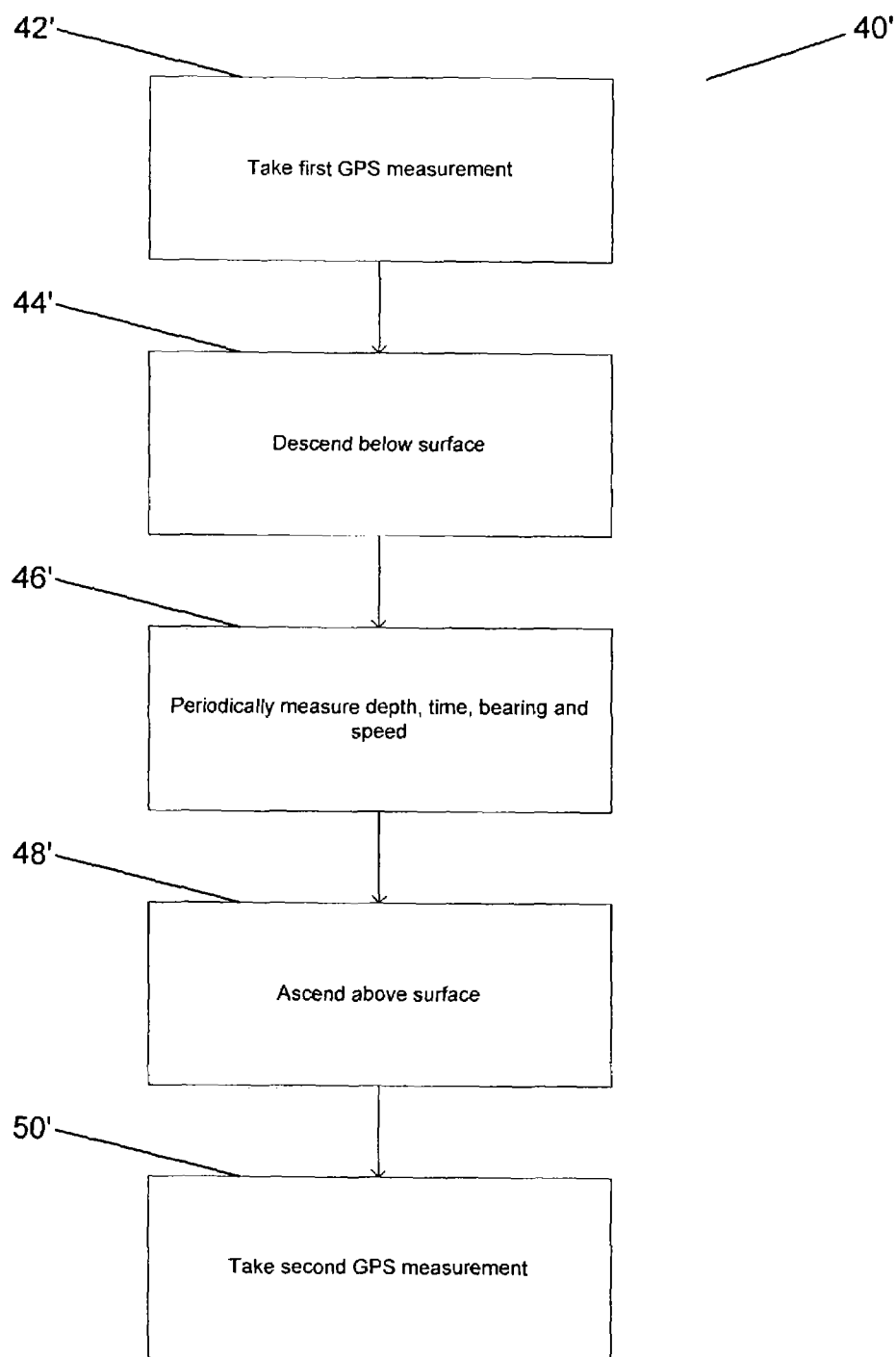
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**FIG. 11**

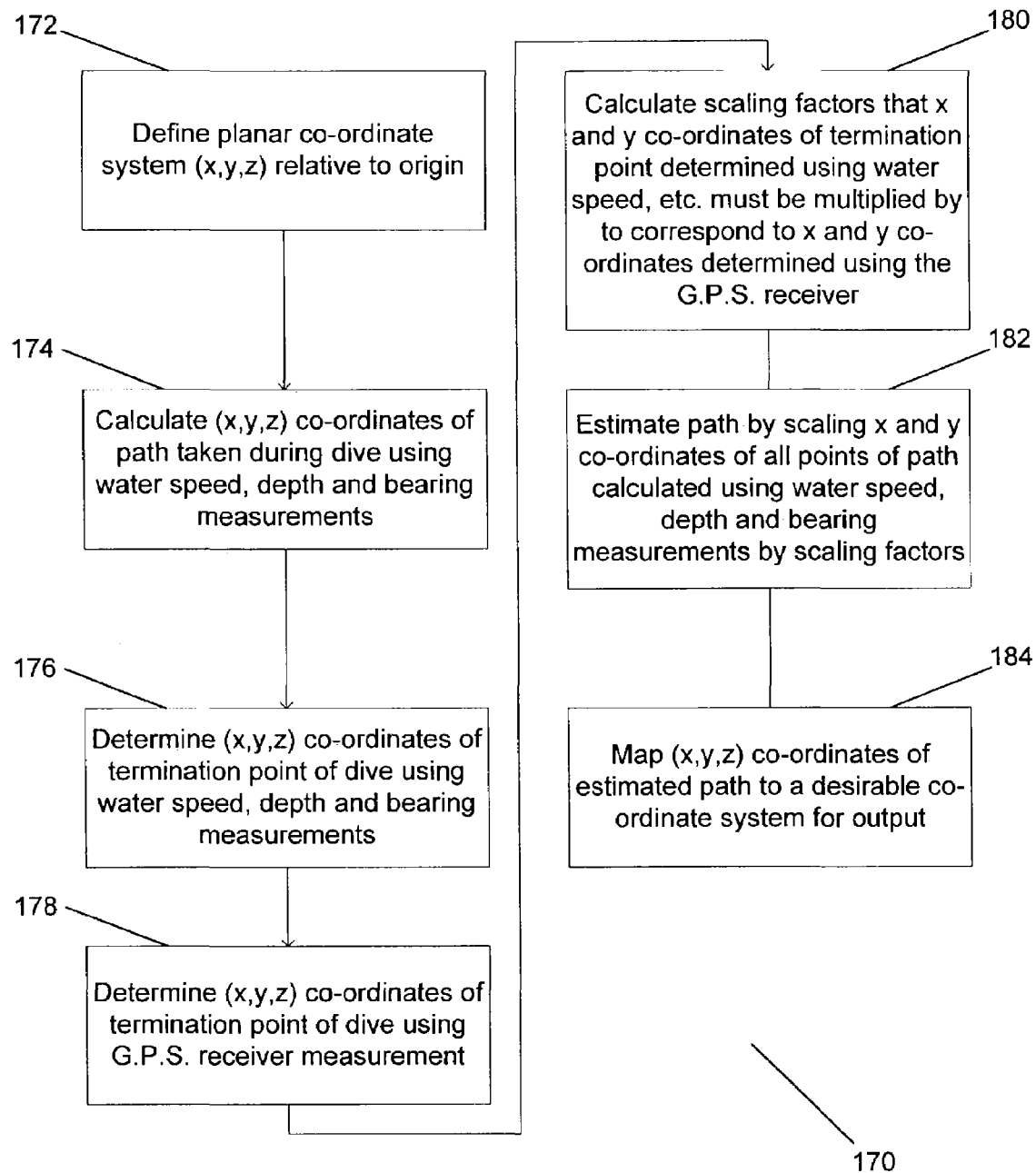


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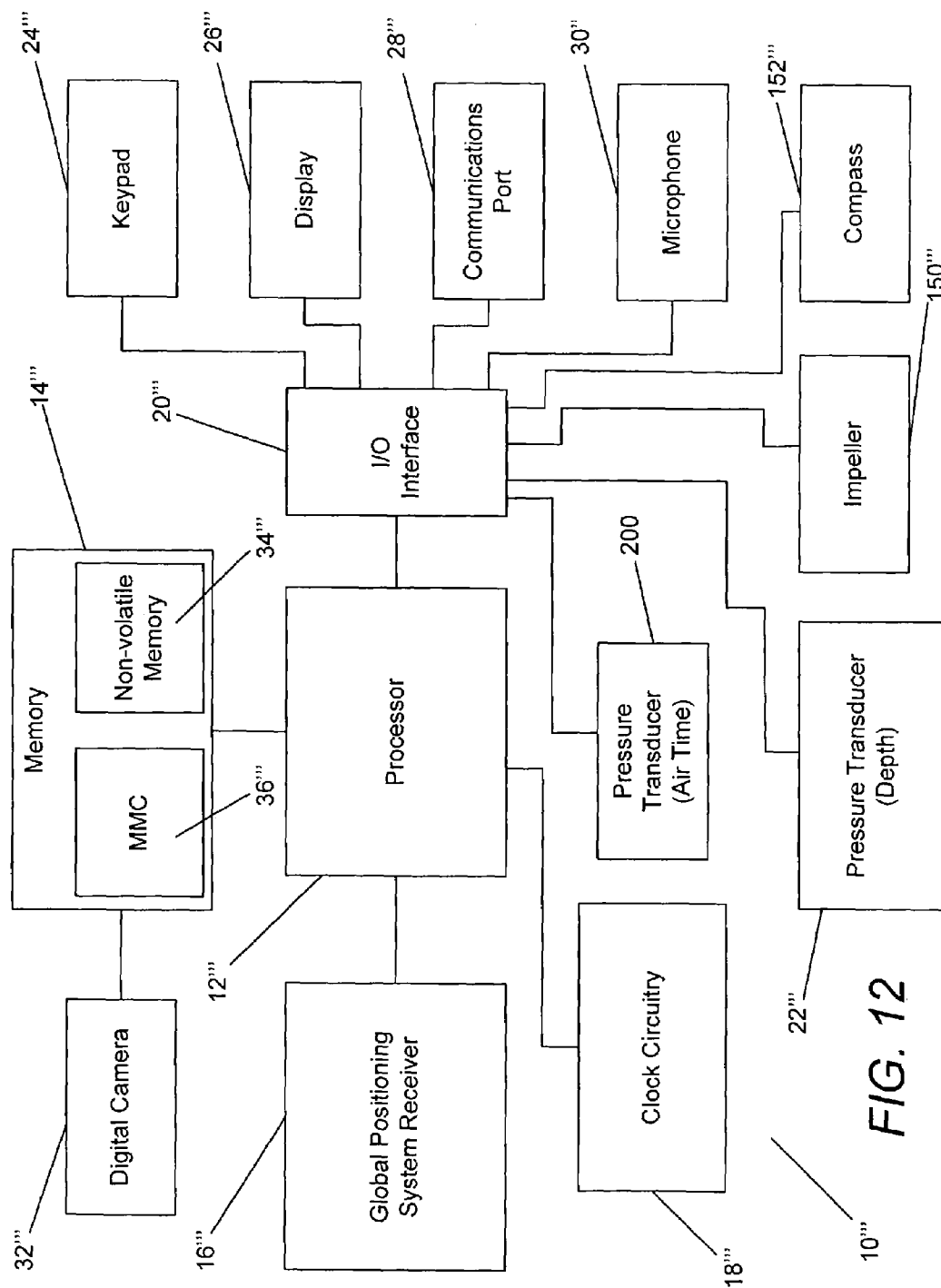


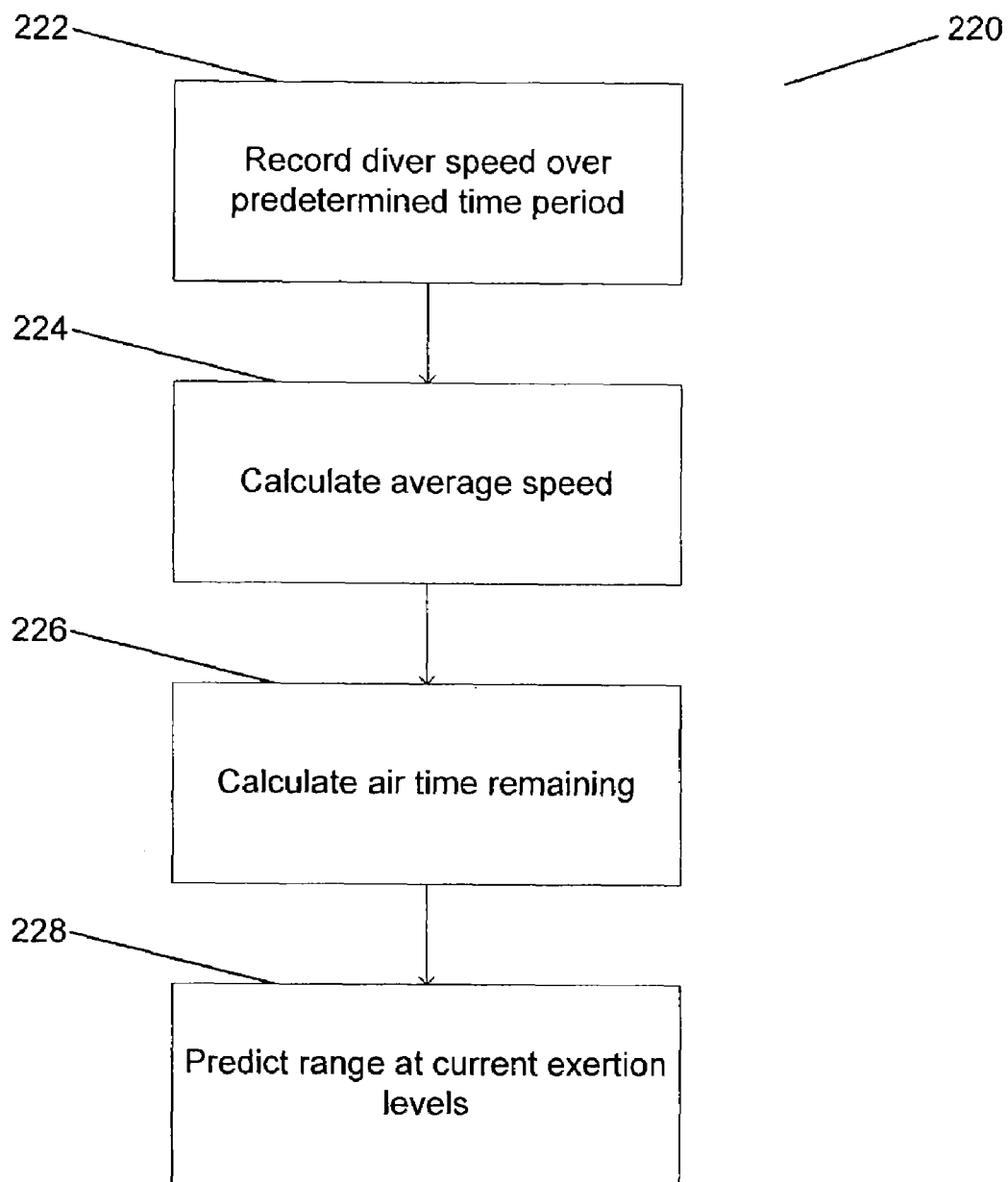
FIG. 12

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**FIG. 13**



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**DIVE COMPUTER WITH GLOBAL POSITIONING SYSTEM RECEIVER****CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION(S)**

This application claims priority of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/394,982, filed Jul. 8, 2002.

**FIELD OF INVENTION**

The present invention relates generally to underwater exploration and more specifically to apparatus and techniques for determining location during a dive.

**BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**

The development of self-contained breathing systems has enabled humans to dive and remain underwater for several hours. The ability to remain underwater for an extended period of time can enable divers to reach considerable depths and cover expansive distances in exploring underwater terrain.

A problem commonly encountered by divers is an inability to accurately locate position underwater. Position is typically expressed in terms of three co-ordinates. The position of a diver underwater can be expressed in terms of a latitude, a longitude and a depth co-ordinate. The latitude and the longitude co-ordinates represent the latitude and the longitude of a point on the surface of the water directly above the diver. The depth co-ordinate represents the depth of the diver below the surface of the water. A dive computer similar to a ProPlus 2 manufactured by Oceanic Worldwide of San Leandro, Calif. can be used to track depth during a dive. However, depth alone is insufficient to locate the position of a diver during a dive.

**SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION**

Embodiments of the present invention can provide an improved method of locating position underwater by making measurements of latitude, longitude and time on the surface of the water and by measuring depth and time while under water. Several embodiments provide even greater accuracy in locating position underwater by also measuring water speed and bearing. Embodiments of the present invention can also provide improved methods of interfacing with a dive computer involving the recording or recognition of speech or environmental sound and the ability to capture images of points of interest using digital cameras.

In one embodiment, the invention includes a processor, a global positioning system receiver connected to the processor and a pressure transducer connected to the processor.

A further embodiment of the invention includes means for measuring latitude, longitude, means for measuring depth underwater, means for measuring time and means for recording measurements of latitude, longitude, depth and time.

Another embodiment of the invention includes a processor, memory connected to the processor for storing data, a microphone connected to the processor and a pressure transducer connected to the processor.

A still further embodiment of the invention includes means for measuring depth, means for detecting sound and means for selecting one of a plurality of options in response to the detected sound.

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Yet another embodiment of the invention includes means for measuring depth and means for capturing digital images.

One embodiment of the method of the invention includes performing a first measurement of latitude, longitude and time, descending underwater and measuring depth and time.

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS**

FIG. 1 is a schematic illustration of an embodiment of a dive computer in accordance with practice of the present invention;

FIG. 2 is a flow chart illustrating a method of recording latitude, longitude, depth and time during a dive in accordance with practice of the present invention;

FIG. 3 is a flow chart illustrating a method of locating a point of interest using data recorded in accordance with practice of the present invention;

FIG. 4 is a schematic illustration of a dive computer including a buoy having a G.P.S. receiver antenna that is connected to the dive computer via a spool of communication cable;

FIG. 5 is a side view of a submerged diver equipped with a dive computer in accordance with the present invention including a buoy that is deployed at the surface;

FIG. 6 is a flow chart illustrating a method of recording latitude, longitude, depth and time during a dive in accordance with practice of the present invention that ensures that an automatic measurement of latitude, longitude and time is made as a dive is commenced;

FIG. 7 is a flow chart illustrating a method of recording locations that a diver considers important;

FIG. 8 is a flow chart illustrating a method of detecting speech commands in accordance with practice of the present invention;

FIG. 9 is a schematic illustration of an embodiment of a dive computer in accordance with practice of the present invention that includes an impeller and a compass;

FIG. 10A is a side view of a diver equipped with an air tank including a regulator and using a dive computer that includes an impeller and a compass mounted on the first stage of the regulator in accordance with practice of the present invention;

FIG. 10B is a side view of diver using a dive computer that includes an impeller and a compass that is hose mounted;

FIG. 10C is a side view of diver using a dive computer that includes an impeller and a compass that is wrist mountable;

FIG. 11 is a flow chart illustrating a method of recording latitude, longitude, depth, time, bearing and water speed during a dive in accordance with practice of the present invention;

FIG. 11A is a flow chart illustrating a method of estimating the course taken by a diver based on G.P.S. measurements and water speed, depth and bearing measurements recorded during the dive;

FIG. 12 is a schematic illustration of an embodiment of a dive computer in accordance with practice of the present invention that includes a pressure transducer for measuring air pressure in an air tank; and

FIG. 13 is a flow chart illustrating a process for estimating the range of a diver using information concerning air time remaining and water speed.

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE  
INVENTION

Referring now to the drawings, dive computers in accordance with practice of the present invention are illustrated. The dive computers make and record at least three significant sets of measurements, which enable the estimation of the location of points of interest underwater and the path travelled by a diver during a dive. The first set of measurements typically includes measurements of latitude, longitude and time immediately prior to the commencement of a dive. The second set of measurements can be generated by periodically measuring depth and time during a dive. The third set of measurements can be compiled by measuring latitude, longitude and time immediately upon resurfacing from a dive. Following a dive, an estimation of location at a specified time during the dive using these three sets of measurements can be made by using a number of techniques in accordance with practice of the present invention. In several embodiments, the accuracy of the estimation can be increased by including measurements of speed and bearing in the second set of measurements.

Turning now to FIG. 1, a dive computer in accordance with practice of the present invention is illustrated. The dive computer 10 includes a processor 12 that is connected to memory 14, a G.P.S. receiver 16, clock circuitry 18 and an input/output interface 20. The input/output interface 20 is connected to a number of devices that can be used to communicate with a user or other devices. In one embodiment, these devices include a pressure transducer 22, a keypad 24, a display 26, a communications port 28 and a microphone 30. A digital camera 32 is also provided as an input device, however, the digital camera bypasses the microprocessor and is connected directly to the memory 14.

The processor 12 receives information from the G.P.S. receiver 16, the clock circuitry 18 and the input/output interface 20 and selectively stores the information in memory 14. In one embodiment, the processor is implemented using a MSP430F149 manufactured by Texas Instruments Incorporated of Dallas, Tex. However, the processor could be implemented using discrete logic components or several separate processing elements that share information.

The memory 14 can be used to store data logged by the dive computer 10, to temporarily store information during the performance of calculations and to store software used to control the operation of the processor 12. The memory 14 need not be a single integrated circuit and can be constructed from a number of integrated circuits having distinct properties. In the illustrated embodiment, the memory 14 includes non-volatile memory circuits 34 to store software for controlling the processor 12, manufacturer settings, user settings and calibration data. In addition, the memory 14 also includes a removable memory device 36 that is used to store data logged during a dive such as images, a dive profile, dive logs, GPS logs and/or audio recordings. One aspect of using a removable memory device is that individual dives can be logged on separate removable memory devices and the removable memory devices used as a method of storing the logged data remote from the dive computer. In embodiments that use a MSP430F149 processor or equivalent processor device, the non-volatile memory included on the processor chip can be used to implement the non-volatile memory circuits 34 and the removable memory device can be implemented using a SDMB-128-768 128 MB MultiMedia Card manufactured by SanDisk of Sunnyvale, Calif. In other embodiments, memory devices of various sizes, volatility and portability can be used depending on the

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software requirements of the system and the data logging requirements of the user. For example, the removable memory device can be replaced by a similar sized fixed memory device such as a AT2508N-10SI-1.8 manufactured by Atmel Corporation of San Jose, Calif. or an equivalent memory device.

The G.P.S. receiver 16 utilizes signals broadcast from satellites to make calculations of latitude and longitude. The G.P.S. receiver provides the latitude and longitude information to the processor, which is responsible for the processing and storage of the information. In one embodiment the G.P.S. receiver is implemented using a GeoHelix-H GPS antenna manufactured by Sarantel Ltd. of Wellingborough, United Kingdom. In other embodiments, other G.P.S. receiver technologies, such as an Embedded 3.3V G.P.S. Antenna in conjunction with an M-Loc™ MPM module both manufactured by Trimble Navigation Limited of Sunnyvale, Calif., can be used that are capable of providing information to the processor that can be used to generate latitude and longitude co-ordinates.

The clock circuitry 18 can be used to measure the passage of time. Typically the clock circuitry 18 will incorporate a quartz crystal that is used to generate a periodic signal that can be observed in order to measure the passage of time. The clock circuitry 18 can also be synchronized with an external clock to enable time to be expressed in absolute terms using a time, a day, a month and a year. In one embodiment the clock circuitry is part of the MSP430F149 microcontroller described above. In other embodiments, the absolute time can be obtained using the G.P.S. receiver 16.

The input/output interface 20 can be constructed from any variety of wires, antennas, transmitters, receivers, connectors and buffers. The configuration of the input/output interface 20 is dependent on the input/output devices that are connected to the dive computer. In the embodiment shown in FIG. 1, the input/output devices include a pressure transducer, a keypad, a display, a communications port and a microphone. In other embodiments, any other combination of input/output devices can be connected to the dive computer via the input/output interface. In one embodiment, the portion of the input/output interface connected to the pressure transducer includes a standard analog to digital converter. In addition, the input/output interface uses a display driver such as an S6B33A1 manufactured by Samsung of Seoul, South Korea to connect to segment display 26 and a CS53L32A High Speed Analog to Digital converter manufactured by Cirrus Logic, Inc. of Austin, Tex. to connect to the microphone 30.

The pressure transducer 22 can be used to measure the pressure of the water in which the dive computer is immersed. In one embodiment a 17887.A Low Pressure Transducer manufactured by Pelagic Pressure Systems of San Leandro, Calif. can be used to construct the pressure transducer 22. In other embodiments, other circuits capable of generating an electrical signal indicative of the water pressure in which the dive computer is immersed can be used.

A keypad 24 is typically provided to enable the user to enter information concerning the dive or to direct the processor 12 to provide the user with information. In one embodiment, the keypad 24 includes one or more buttons that can be used to tag the location of the user as a point of interest. As will be explained in greater detail below, the tagged location can be subsequently retrieved from the memory 14 of the dive computer 10. In other embodiments, the keypad 24 can include one or more buttons, toggles,

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joysticks or equivalent devices with which the user can provide instructions to the processor 12.

A display 26 is typically provided to present information in a graphical manner to the user. Information that can be provided to the user includes a recent G.P.S. reading, depth and/or time. If the dive computer 10 performs other functions, information relating to these functions can also be communicated using the display 26.

One skilled in the art will appreciate that the connection of keypads 24 and displays 26 to dive computers 10 is well known and any number of possible configurations, devices and circuitry could be used to establish a connection between these devices and the processor 12.

The communications port 28 is provided to enable the transfer of information between the dive computer 10 and other devices. In one embodiment, the communications port 28 is an Integrated Low Profile Transceiver Module IrDA standard such as the TFDU4100 manufactured by Vishay Semiconductor, Inc. of Malvern, Pa. In other embodiments, other wired or wireless connections and protocols can be used to communicate with external devices. The transfer of information via the communications port 28 enables the movement of data and new software between the dive computer 10 and other devices. In one embodiment, dive information stored in the dive computer memory 14 can be loaded onto a personal computer and stored, graphed or manipulated. In addition, information from a previous dive stored on an external device can be loaded into the memory 14 of the dive computer for reference during a subsequent dive or information stored within the dive computer can be manipulated by external devices.

The microphone 30 is provided to enable the audio annotation of data logged by the dive computer 10. The annotations can be made before, during or after a dive by making a digital recording of the words spoken by the user and associating them with a particular dive or with particular tagged locations. In other embodiments, automatic speech recognition could be used to generate textual annotations. The addition of automatic speech recognition technology would also enable the dive computer to respond to audible instructions from the user. In one embodiment, the microphone 30 can be a MAB-06A-B manufactured by Star Micronics Company, Ltd. of Edison, N.J. As described above, the input/output interface 20 can include an analog-to-digital converter for connection to the microphone. The analog-to-digital converter can sample the analog signal generated by the microphone 30 and generate a digital representation of the analog signal. In one embodiment, the analog-to-digital converter samples the signal from the microphone 30 at a rate of 8 kHz and uses 28 quantization levels to represent the signal. In other embodiments, other sampling rates and a different number of quantization levels can be used as is appropriate.

In embodiments where automatic speech recognition is used, the processor 12 or a discrete device in the input/output interface 20 can convert the digital representations of the signals from the microphone 30 to text or commands using hidden Markov models, neural networks, hybrid neural network/hidden Markov models or other speech modeling or recognition techniques. In one embodiment, speech recognition is performed using a RSC-4x Speech Recognition Microcontroller manufactured by Sensory, Inc. of Santa Clara, Calif.

The digital camera 32 is provided to enable the capture of images during a dive and to enable the use of these images as part of a dive log if desired by the user. The digital camera can be implemented using a lens and an array of charge

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coupled devices both of which are contained within the waterproof dive computer housing. In one embodiment, the digital camera is implemented using a MB86S02A CMOS sensor manufactured by Fujitsu Microelectronics America, Inc. of Sunnyvale, Calif. to capture image information and a MCF5307 Direct Memory Access Controller manufactured by Motorola, Inc. of Schaumburg, Ill. to transfer the image information directly to the memory 14. In other embodiments, any circuitry capable of capturing a digital image can be used to obtain image information and store it in memory either via direct memory access or using the processor 12 in combination with the input/output interface 22.

Other input or output devices in addition to those described above can be connected to a dive computer in accordance with the present invention. In one embodiment speakers are connected to the input/output interface to enable the playback of recorded speech or to allow a diver to listen to music during a dive. In other embodiments, other combinations of devices can be used to meet the information requirements and data recording requirements of a diver during a dive.

Turning now to FIG. 2, a method 40 of recording information during a dive that enables estimation of position in accordance with practice of the present invention is illustrated. The method includes taking (42) a first G.P.S. measurement, which is performed prior to descending (44) below the surface. Once below the surface, depth and time are periodically measured (46). After ascending (48) to the surface, a second G.P.S. measurement is taken (50).

If data is logged during a dive in accordance with the method 40, then position during the dive can be estimated if the user tags a particular location during a dive as being of interest, then the user can use the data logged in accordance with the method 40 shown in FIG. 2 to subsequently locate the point of interest.

Turning now to FIG. 3, a method of locating a previously identified point of interest using data logged in accordance with practice of the present invention is illustrated. The method 60 includes calculating (62) the duration of the recorded dive, calculating (64) the time that was taken to reach the identified point of interest from the start point of the dive and determining (66) a straight line 'L' between the start point of the dive and the end point of the dive. Once these functions have been performed, a value 'A' is then calculated (68), which is equal to the length of the line 'L' multiplied by the time taken to reach the point of interest and divided by the duration of the dive. The value 'A' is then used to locate (70) a point 'P', which is a distance 'A' from the start point of the dive along the line 'L'.

Once the point 'P' has been identified, a diver can travel (72) to the latitude and longitude of point 'P' and commence a dive. The diver can then enter the water and descend (74) to the recorded depth of the point of interest. At this depth, the point of interest can be located by searching (76) outwardly while attempting to maintain the recorded depth of the point of interest. The depth of a point of interest is particularly important in relocating that point. The coordinates calculated as the latitude and longitude of a point of interest using data collected by a dive computer in accordance with the practice of the present invention are simply estimates that place a diver in the vicinity of the point of interest. The knowledge of the depth at which the point of interest is located enables the diver to perform an expanding search in the plane of that depth. Without this information, a diver could be forced to search in three dimensions instead of two. The advantages of knowing a depth co-ordinate are



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increased when the point of interest forms part of the topography of the sea floor. A diver can rapidly locate such a point of interest by simply descending to the recorded depth of the point of interest and then searching outwardly from the point of descent until a portion of the sea bed is encountered at the recorded depth of the point of interest. By following the topography of the sea bed at the depth of the point of interest, the diver has a high likelihood of rapidly relocating the point of interest.

The method 60 illustrated in FIG. 3 can use data recorded in accordance with the method 40 shown in FIG. 2. The time recorded at the beginning of the dive and the time recorded at the end of the dive can be used to calculate (62) the duration of the dive. Likewise, the time at the beginning of the dive and the time recorded at the point of interest can be used to calculate (64) the time taken to reach the point of interest. The latitude and longitude co-ordinates at the beginning of the dive and the latitude and longitude co-ordinates at the end of the dive can be used to generate the line 'L' (68) and the times calculated above can be used to locate the estimated latitude and longitude of the point of interest as described above.

Other techniques can be used to locate a point of interest using data recorded in accordance with practice of the present invention. In one embodiment, the logged data can be used to return to a point of interest by commencing the second dive at the latitude and longitude of whichever of the start and end points of the earlier dive was closest to the point of interest. The diver can then travel towards the other of the start and end points. The point of interest can then be located by traveling in this direction at the recorded depth of the point of interest for a time approximating the time it took to travel to the point of interest during the previous dive.

If a diver seeks to be able to return to a point of interest with a high degree of accuracy on subsequent dives, then the diver is advised to ascend to the surface at the point of interest. The dive computer 10 can then make a G.P.S. measurement and the diver can be confident that returning to the recorded latitude and longitude and descending to the recorded depth will enable rapid location of the point of interest.

An alternative to ascending to the surface is to use the dive computer 10' illustrated in FIG. 4 that includes a compass 70 and a G.P.S. antenna 72 mounted on a buoy 74, which is connected to the other components of the dive computer 75 via a spool 76 of communication cable 78. In other embodiments, a wireless connection is used between the spool and the other components of the dive computer. When a diver wishes to take a measurement of latitude and longitude at a point of interest, the buoy is released. At the surface, the antenna can receive the satellite signals required to measure latitude and longitude. These signals are then conveyed to the G.P.S. receiver via the communications cable. In other embodiments, additional components such as the entire G.P.S. receiver can be included in the buoy. In one embodiment the spool is an AR-05 manufactured by Saekodive of Taiwan.

Displacement of the buoy relative to the position of the diver is illustrated in FIG. 5. The displacement of the buoy 74 relative to a position "P" directly above the diver can be calculated using Pythagorus' theorem by measuring the length of communication cable 78 released from the spool 76 and the depth of the diver. The length of communication cable released can be measured using markings on the cable 78 and entered in the dive computer manually or via voice command. Alternatively an external line counter could be used that communicates to the processor of the dive com-

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puter via a wireless or wired link. The depth of the diver can be measured using the dive computer in the manner described above. The direction of the displacement can be determined using a compass bearing of the cable relative to the diver.

Embodiments of the dive computer in accordance with practice of the present invention can enable automatic recording of latitude and longitude immediately prior to the dive computer 10 descending below the surface of the water and immediately upon returning to the surface. Turning now to FIG. 6, a method in accordance with practice of the present invention for automatically recording the latitude, longitude and time prior to commencing a dive and upon surfacing from a dive is illustrated. The method 90 includes making (92) and storing (94) measurements of latitude, longitude and time using a G.P.S. receiver. The process of measuring latitude, longitude and time with the G.P.S. receiver and storing the values continues until the diver descends below the surface and the answer to the decision (96) of whether the diver has descended below the surface becomes affirmative.

Once the diver is below the surface, measurements (98) of depth and time are made and the measurements are recorded (100) in the memory of the dive computer. The measurement and recording of depth and time continues for as long as the diver remains below the surface and until the answer to the decision (102) of whether the diver has surfaced is affirmative. Once the diver has surfaced, a measurement (104) of latitude, longitude and time is made and the measurement is recorded.

The method 90 described in FIG. 6 can ensure that the measurement stored at the commencement of the dive is the most recent measurement of latitude, longitude and time that has been made by the G.P.S. receiver 16 and dive computer 10. In addition, the method 90 enables periodic measurement of depth and time during the dive and the rapid recording of latitude, longitude and time when the diver resurfaces. In other embodiments, the logging of latitude, longitude and time can be initiated in response to user input.

The method 90 shown in FIG. 6 can be modified to enable the diver to identify points of interest during the dive. Turning now to FIG. 7, a method in accordance with the practice of the present invention of identifying points of interest during a dive is illustrated. The method 110 is performed while the diver is under water. The method 110 can commence with the measurement (112) of depth and time. Once a measurement of depth and time has been made, the measurements are recorded (114). Prior to making another measurement of depth and time, a check is made (116) for any user input. If user input is detected, then the previous or next depth and time measurements are identified (118) as a point of interest.

In addition to identifying points of interest, it is desirable to be able to associate information with a point of interest. One advantageous method of providing inputs to a dive computer 10 is through the use of a microphone, as is described above. Speech commands can be used to control the function of the dive computer and speech can be either recorded or converted to text in order to provide description or annotation to a point of interest. In embodiments where speech can be recorded, the recording of speech can be initiated by the pressing of a button on the keypad 24 or by a voice command recognizable by the dive computer. In one embodiment, the microphone is contained within a full face mask enabling speech to be recorded underwater. In other embodiments, more than one microphone is included so that a diver may record speech using a first microphone and

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underwater sounds or environmental noise using a second microphone. In embodiments of the dive computer **10** that include a digital camera **32**, one or more still images or a series of still images forming a video sequence can be recorded and associated with a point of interest.

Turning now to FIG. **8**, a method in accordance with practice of the present invention is illustrated for responding to voice commands. The method **130** includes listening (**132**) for sound. Once sound is detected, a decision (**134**) is performed to determine if a "voice spotting" sound has been detected. A "voice spotting" sound is a spoken word such as "computer" that can indicate that a user is preparing to speak a command to a dive computer **10**.

If the "voice spotting" sound is detected, then the method involves listening (**136**) for a command. A dive computer **10** in accordance with practice of the present invention will typically have a library of commands each requiring different responses from the processor **12**. If a sound is heard, then a decision (**138**) is performed to determine whether the sound corresponds to one of the commands recognized by the dive computer **10**. If a command is recognized, then a response is made (**140**) to the command. Once the response is complete, the process **130** returns to listening (**132**) for sound to await the next command.

The method **130** described above uses a "voice spotting" technique. In other embodiments, "voice spotting" is not required. The speech recognition performed in "voice spotting" and detecting commands can be either discrete or continuous recognition. The speech recognition can also be either speaker dependent or speaker independent. In embodiments where annotation of points of interest can be performed, a speech command can cause the processor to begin digitally recording speech and to associate the recording with a particular point of interest. In other embodiments, other forms of user input can be used to identify a point of interest and to commence the digital recording of speech. Alternatively, a command can cause the processor to convert a passage of speech to text using speech recognition techniques and to associate the text with a point of interest that can be identified using speech commands or using an alternative user input technique.

As was observed above, latitude, longitude and time measurements made in accordance with practice of the present invention can be used to estimate the latitude and longitude of a point of interest. The accuracy of this estimate can be effected by currents and the variation in the speed at which the diver traveled during the dive. The accuracy of the estimated latitude and longitude of a point of interest can be improved in accordance with the practice of the present invention by taking measurements of water speed and bearing as is discussed below.

A dive computer **10** in accordance with the practice of the present invention including an impeller and a compass is illustrated in FIG. **9**. The dive computer **10** is similar to the dive computer **10** illustrated in FIG. **1**, but with the addition that an impeller **150** and a compass **152** are connected to the processor via the input/output interface. Impellers are devices that generate signals that can be used to measure the flow rate of a liquid or the water speed of the dive computer. By attaching an impeller equipped dive computer to a diver, the output of the impeller can be used to measure the speed at which the diver is moving through water and the compass can be used to provide signals to the processor indicative of the direction in which the diver is moving. In one embodiment, a 3000 impeller manufactured by Nielsen-Kellerman of Chester, Pa., in conjunction with a receiver coil connected to a counter that can be used to implement the impeller and

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a HMC 1055 3-axis magnetic sensor manufactured by Honeywell International of Morristown, N.J., that can be used to implement the compass. In other embodiments other types of flow measurement devices can be used to measure water speed.

A diver equipped with a dive computer in accordance with the present invention is illustrated in FIG. **10A**. The dive computer **160** is implemented as two discrete components **162** and **164**. The first component **162** is worn around the wrist of the diver and includes all of the components of the dive computer **10** illustrated in FIG. **10A** except for the impeller and the compass. The impeller and the compass are located in a second component **164** that is fixed to an air tank worn **166** by the diver. In the illustrated embodiment, the two components communicate via a wireless communications link.

Typically, a diver is fully extended while swimming and fixing the impeller in a direction parallel to the long axis **168** of the diver as the diver swims provides an accurate measurement of the speed of the diver. In addition, mounting the compass so that the bearing measurement is made along a line parallel to the long axis of the diver also enables an accurate measurement of bearing to be made. In order to ensure that both the impeller and compass are accurately aligned, it is desirable that the impeller and the compass be fixed to maintain a position relative to the body of the diver throughout the dive. Therefore, in the embodiment illustrated in FIG. **10A** the impeller and the compass are fixed to the air tank **166** and aligned to be approximately parallel to the long axis **168** of the body of the diver, when the diver is fully extended. In other embodiments, the impeller and the compass can be fixed to other locations on the body or equipment of a diver. In other embodiments, the compass and impeller are included in a single unit with the other components of the dive computer and the position of the impeller and the compass can be controlled by the diver. A diver can use such a dive computer in accordance with the present invention to take instantaneous current readings, to use instantaneous speed calculations to calculate range based on air time remaining (see discussion below) or for any other application where an instantaneous measurement of speed can be useful. An example of a hose mounted dive computer **10** including an impeller and a compass is illustrated in FIG. **10B** and an example of wrist mountable dive computer **10** including an impeller and a compass is illustrated in FIG. **10C**.

A method of recording data in accordance with practice of the present invention is shown in FIG. **11**. The method **40** is similar to the method **40** illustrated in FIG. **2**, with the difference that the periodic measurements of depth and time are supplemented with periodic measurements of bearing and water speed.

Assuming there is insignificant current, the measurements obtained using the process illustrated in FIG. **11** provides a complete map of the course taken by a diver. The starting latitude and longitude locations provide the origin of the course and the path followed by the diver can be determined using the water speed, bearing, depth and time information. Factors such as drift current can be accounted for by scaling the course to ensure that it terminates at the location where the diver surfaced, as measured using the G.P.S. receiver. This scaling can be performed by the dive computer or by an external device that manipulates data provided by the dive computer.

In one embodiment, the process illustrated in FIG. **11A** is used to adjust or scale the course obtained using recorded water speed and bearing measurements in response to the

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latitude and longitude measurements obtained at the origin and termination of a dive. The process **170** includes defining (172) a planar co-ordinate system at the origin of the dive using the co-ordinates x, y and z, where z represents the depth dimension. Calculating (174) position co-ordinates relative to the origin of the path taken during the dive using the water speed, depth and bearing data. Determining (176) position co-ordinates of the termination point of the dive based on the water speed, depth and bearing data. Determining (178) position co-ordinates of the termination point of the dive based on the G.P.S. receiver measurements of latitude and longitude. Calculating (180) the scaling factors that the x and y co-ordinates of the termination point determined using the water speed, depth and bearing data must be multiplied by in order to obtain the x and y co-ordinates of the termination point determined using the G.P.S. receiver measurements of latitude and longitude. An estimate of the path taken during the dive is then obtained (182) by scaling the x and y co-ordinates of the points in the path determined using the recorded water speed, depth and bearing measurements by the calculated scaling factors. The estimated path can then be output (184) in terms of latitude, longitude and depth by mapping the co-ordinates of the path from the planar co-ordinate system that was defined relative to the origin of the dive to latitude, longitude and depth co-ordinates.

An embodiment of a dive computer in accordance with the present invention that incorporates pressure transducers in order to measure air time remaining is illustrated in FIG. 12. The dive computer **10** includes a pressure transducer **200** that measures air pressure inside an air tank. In one embodiment, the pressure transducer **200** is implemented using a high pressure sensor such as a 18519.A manufactured by Pelagic Pressure Systems of San Leandro, Calif. Air pressure measurements can be converted into air time remaining statistics in accordance with the methods described in U.S. Pat. No. 4,586,136 to Lewis and U.S. Pat. No. 6,543,444 to Lewis, both of which are incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

Knowledge of the water speed of the diver and the change in air time remaining can be used to generate useful information for a diver such as an estimation of the range that a diver can travel with the air remaining in the tanks of the diver. A process for calculating an estimation of range based on the air available to a diver is illustrated in FIG. 13. The process **220** includes recording speed over a predetermined period of time (222) and then calculating the average speed during that period of time (224). Once the average speed has been calculated, the air time remaining is calculated (226). The air time remaining calculation can be used in combination with the average speed calculation to predict the range of the diver at current exertion levels. In other embodiments, the air time remaining can be adjusted to reserve sufficient air to allow the diver to return to the surface from the depth at which the diver is located without significant risk of decompression sickness.

Although the foregoing embodiments are disclosed as typical, it will be understood that additional variations, substitutions and modifications can be made to the system, as disclosed, without departing from the scope of the invention. Thus the present invention has been described by way of illustration and not limitation. For example, embodiments of the invention can have G.P.S. receivers adapted to be submerged in water that are not connected to the processor. These embodiments log latitude, longitude and time information using the G.P.S. receiver and separately log depth and time information using a dive computer. The latitude,

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longitude and time information from the G.P.S. receiver and the depth and time information from the dive computer can be downloaded to the dive computer or another computer and the methods described above can be used to determine position. In addition, dive computers in accordance with the present invention can perform functions performed by conventional dive computers such as providing divers with information concerning decompression limits or the amount of air remaining in a tank, however, it is not a limitation of the invention that the dive computer perform these functions or other functions typically associated with conventional dive computers. Other functions can also be performed by the dive computer that are not traditionally associated with dive computers such as functions normally attributed to personal digital assistants (P.D.A.s) or other more powerful computing devices. In addition, dive computers in accordance with the present invention may consist of a conventional dive computer and a microphone and/or a digital camera and do not require the inclusion of a G.P.S. receiver. Other embodiments of dive computers in accordance with the present invention may also combine several of the features described above such as a buoy including a G.P.S. antenna, a compass and an impeller.

What is claimed is:

1. A position location device comprising:
  - a waterproof housing;
  - a processor enclosed within the waterproof housing;
  - a global positioning system receiver enclosed within the waterproof housing and connected to the processor; and
  - a pressure transducer connected to the processor;
 clock circuitry connected to the processor and enclosed within the waterproof housing;
  - wherein the global positioning system receiver includes an antenna enclosed within the waterproof housing; and
  - wherein the pressure transducer is configured to measure depth under water;
  - wherein the processor is configured to obtain at least one measurement of position using the global positioning system when the position location device is above water;
  - wherein the processor is configured to obtain at least one measurement of depth and time using the pressure transducer and the clock circuitry when the location device is submerged;
  - wherein the processor is configured to record a profile of the dive including measurements of multiple positions and multiple depths and times.
2. The position location device of claim 1, further comprising:
  - memory connected to the processor and enclosed within the waterproof housing; and
  - at least one input/output device connected to the processor.
3. The position location device of claim 2, wherein one of the input/output devices is a microphone.
4. The position location device of claim 2, wherein one of the input/output devices is a keypad including at least one button.
5. The position location device of claim 1, further comprising:
  - a flow meter connected to the processor; and
  - a compass connected to the processor.
6. The position location device of claim 5, wherein the flow meter is an impeller.
7. The position location device of claim 5, further comprising:



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a second pressure transducer in communication with the processor; and

wherein the pressure transducer is configured to generate a signal indicative of air pressure within an air tank.

8. The position location device of claim 1, further comprising a digital camera connected to the processor.

9. The position location device of claim 8, wherein the digital camera includes an electronic flash.

10. The position location device of claim 1, wherein the processor is configured to create a dive log including the recorded dive profile.

11. The position location device of claim 10, wherein the processor is configured to include audio recordings in the dive log.

12. The position location device of claim 10, wherein the processor is configured to include digital photographs in the dive log.

13. The position location device of claim 1, further comprising:

a sensor connected to the processor;  
wherein the sensor and processor are configured to measure speed through water.

14. The method of claim 13, further comprising including audio recordings in the dive log.

15. The method of claim 13, further comprising including at least one digital photograph in the dive log.

16. The position location device of claim 1, wherein the processor is configured to recognize speech captured using the microphone.

17. A position location device comprising:

means for measuring latitude and longitude;  
means for measuring depth underwater;  
means for measuring time;  
means for recording multiple measurements of latitude, longitude and time when the position location device is above water;

means for recording multiple measurements of depth and time when the position location device is submerged;  
means for generating a dive profile using the recorded measurements; and

wherein the means for measuring latitude and longitude, the means for measuring time and the means for recording measurements are enclosed within a waterproof housing.

18. The position location device of claim 17, further comprising means for annotating recorded measurements of latitude, longitude, depth or time.

19. The position location device of claim 17, further comprising means for identifying a particular measurement of latitude, longitude, depth or time as being associated with a particular point of interest.

20. The position location device of claim 17, wherein the time includes information concerning day, month and year.

21. The position location device of claim 17, further comprising:

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means for measuring water speed; and

means for measuring bearing.

22. The position location device of claim 17, further comprising means for measuring air time remaining.

23. A method of recording data, comprising:  
performing a first measurement of latitude, longitude and time;

recording information indicative of the first measurement of latitude, longitude and time in a memory;

descending underwater;

measuring depth and time;

recording information indicative of the depth and time measurements in the memory;

resurfacing;

performing a second measurement of latitude, longitude and time;

recording information indicative of the second measurement of latitude, longitude and time in the memory; and

constructing a dive profile using information including the latitude, longitude and time recordings obtained when the diver is at the surface and the depth and time measurements obtained when the diver is underwater.

24. The method of claim 23, further comprising identifying a particular measurement of latitude, longitude and time or measurement of depth and time as being associated with a particular point of interest.

25. The method of claim 24, further comprising recording descriptive information that is associated with the identified measurement of latitude, longitude and time or measurement of depth and time.

26. The method of claim 25, wherein recording descriptive information involves recording signals indicative of speech.

27. The method of claim 23, wherein the time includes information concerning day, month and year.

28. The method of claim 23, wherein:

the measurements of latitude, longitude and time are made using a global positioning system receiver adapted to be taken below the surface of the water; and the measurements of depth are made using a pressure transducer.

29. The method of claim 23, further comprising periodically measuring water speed and bearing.

30. The method of claim 29, further comprising:

measuring average speed;

measuring air time remaining; and

estimating range based on average speed and air time remaining calculations.

31. The method of claim 23, further comprising constructing a dive log including the dive profile.

32. The method of claim 23, wherein the memory is located within a portable device that includes a waterproof casing.

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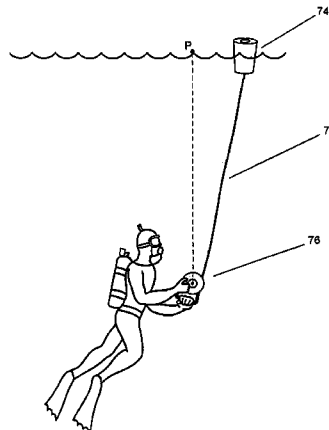
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Dive computers in accordance with embodiments of the invention are disclosed. One embodiment includes a microprocessor, a pressure transducer connected to the microprocessor, a microphone connected to the microprocessor, a speaker connected to the microprocessor, a telephone transceiver connected to the microprocessor, a GPS receiver connected to the microprocessor and a display. In addition, the microprocessor, pressure transducer and display are configured to display information concerning the dive computer's depth of submersion, the microprocessor, microphone, speaker and telephone transceiver are configured to enable the dive computer to be used as a telephone handset, and the microprocessor is configured to obtain GPS coordinates from the GPS receiver. In a further embodiment, the microprocessor, the microphone, the speaker, the telephone transceiver, the display, and the GPS receiver are components of a mobile phone handset including an external connector for communicating with external devices, the pressure transducer is packaged separately from the mobile phone handset and the pressure transducer packaging includes a connector configured to mate with the external connector of the mobile phone handset creating a connection between the pressure transducer and the microprocessor, and the mobile phone handset and the pressure transducer are contained within a waterproof housing. In addition, a software application installed on the mobile phone handset configures the microprocessor to record information concerning the dive computer's depth and time of submersion in a dive log.

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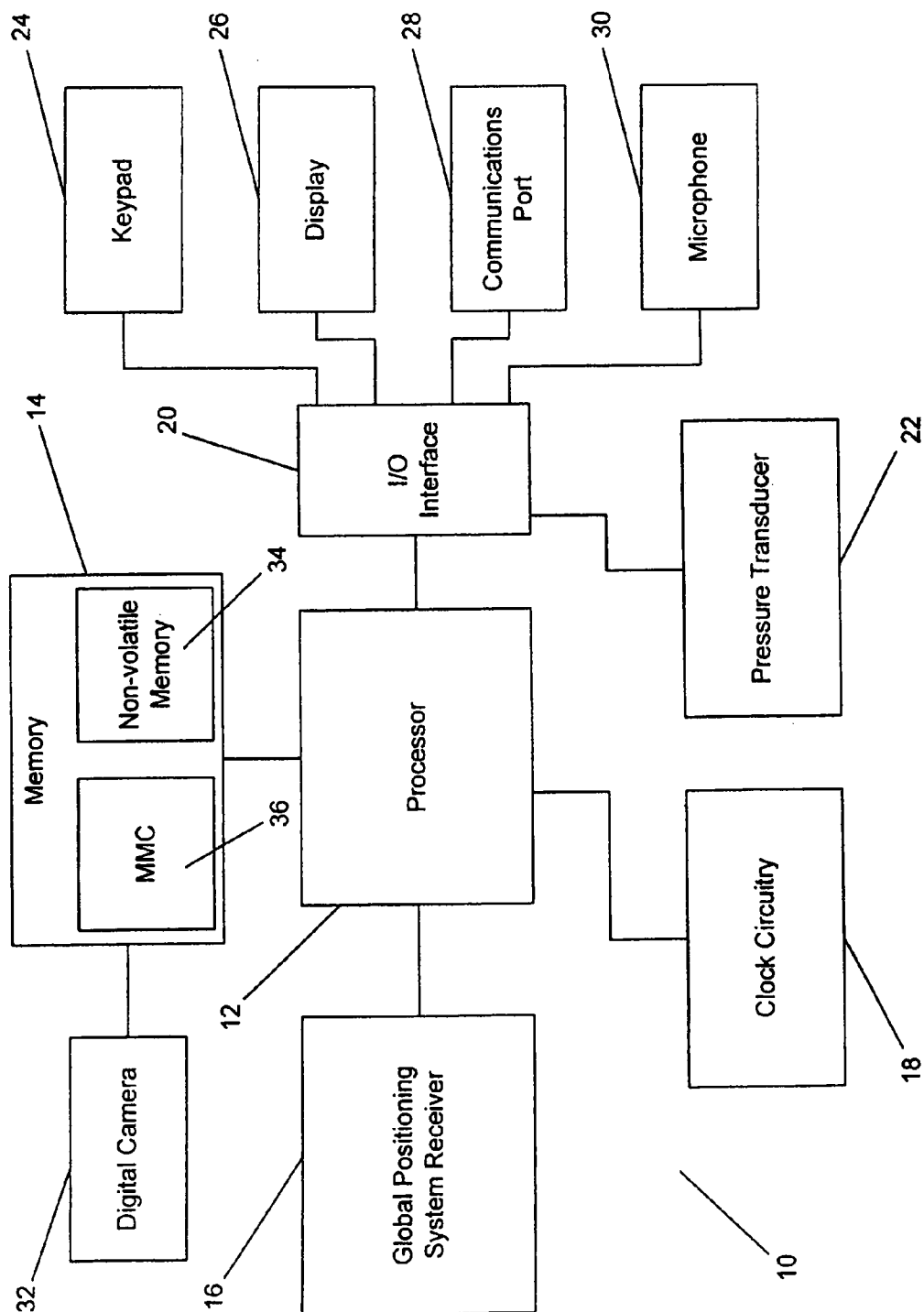


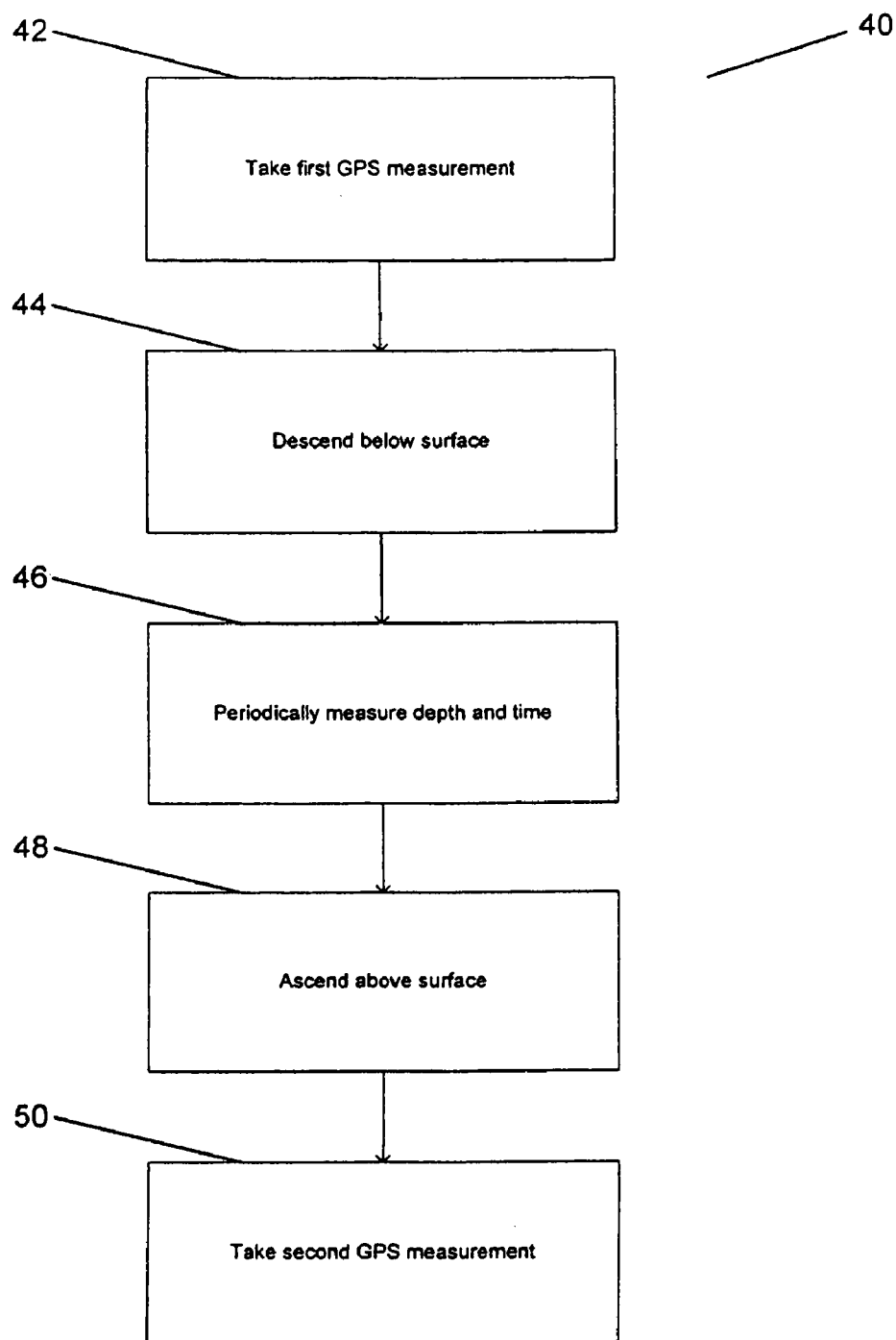
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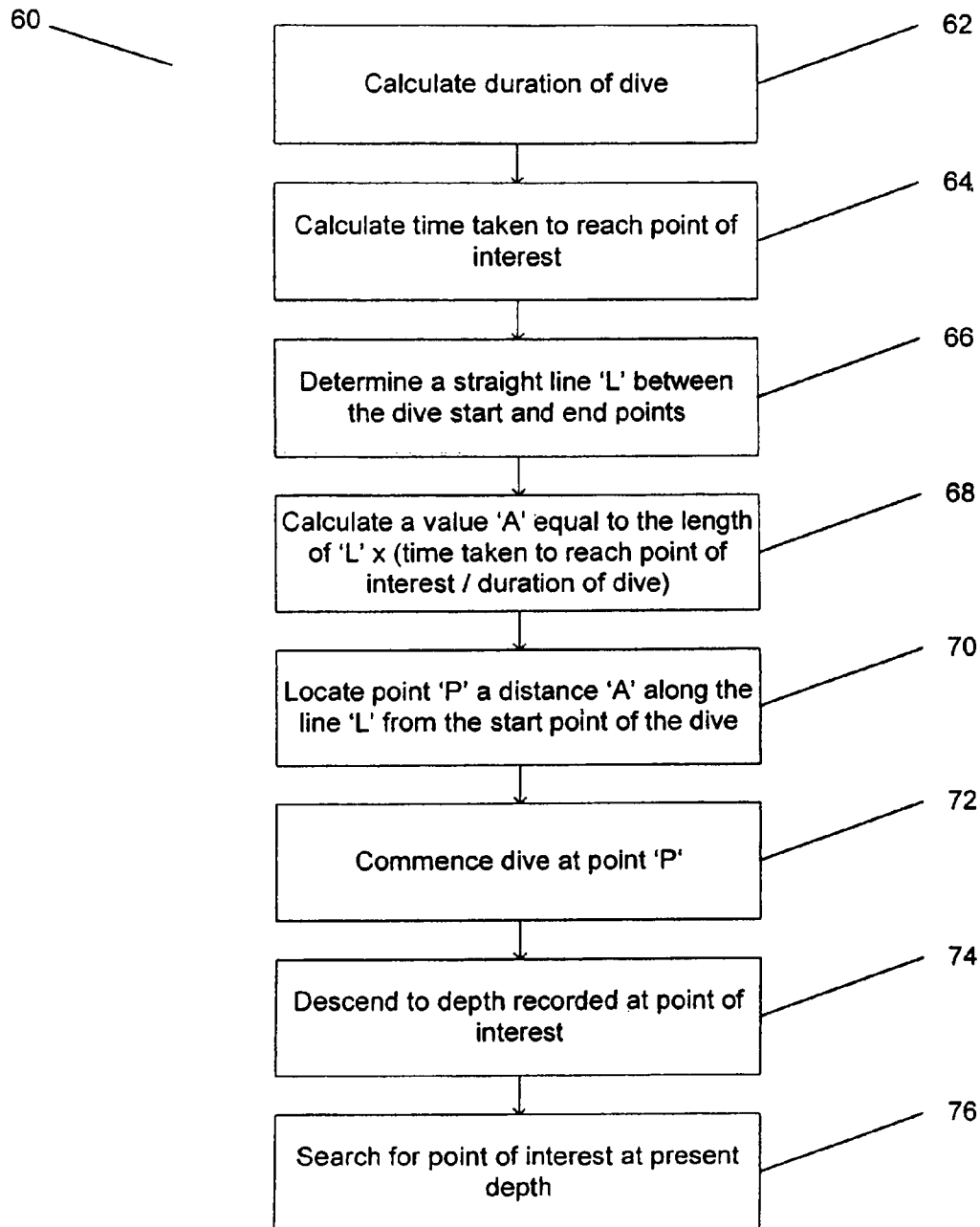


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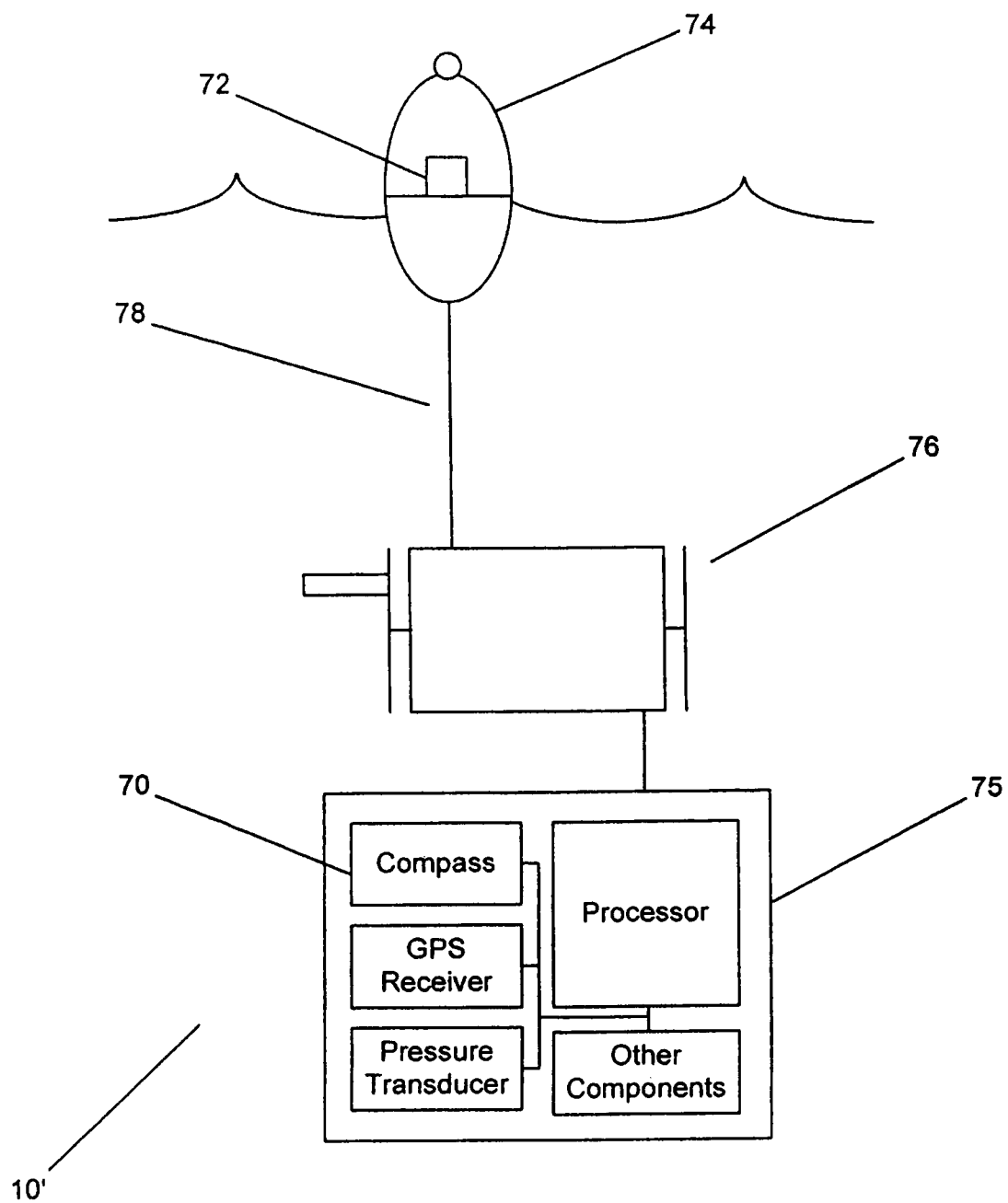


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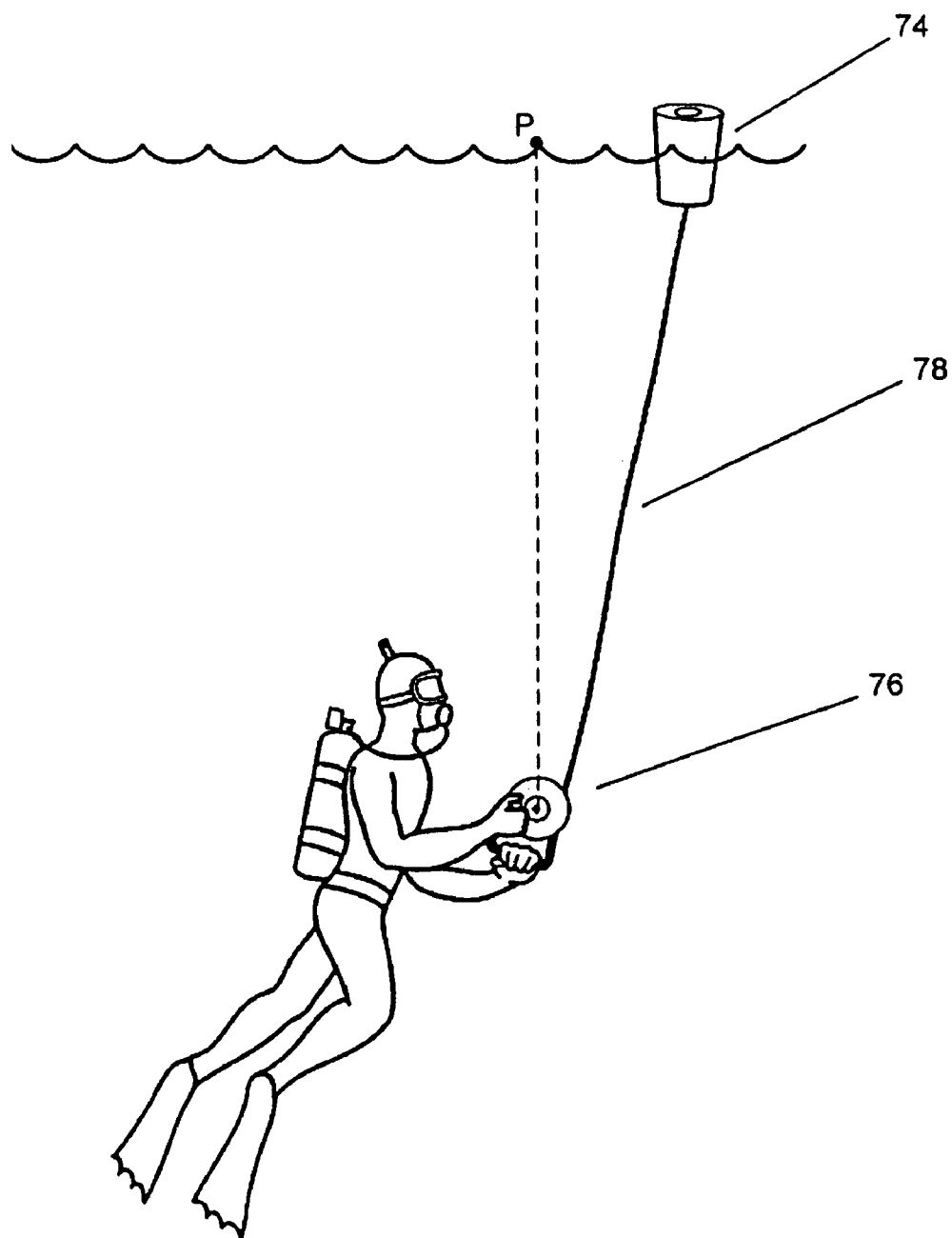


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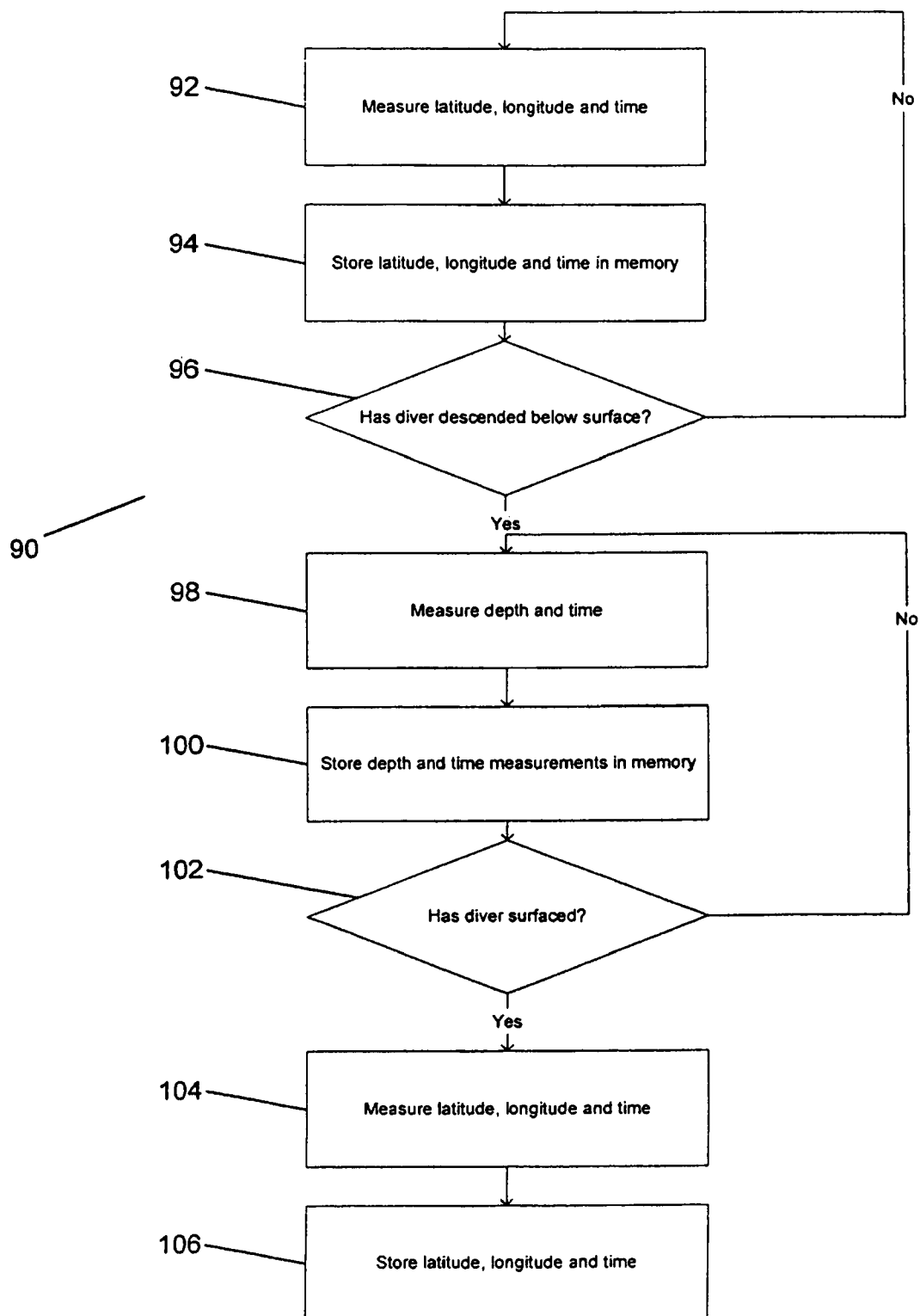


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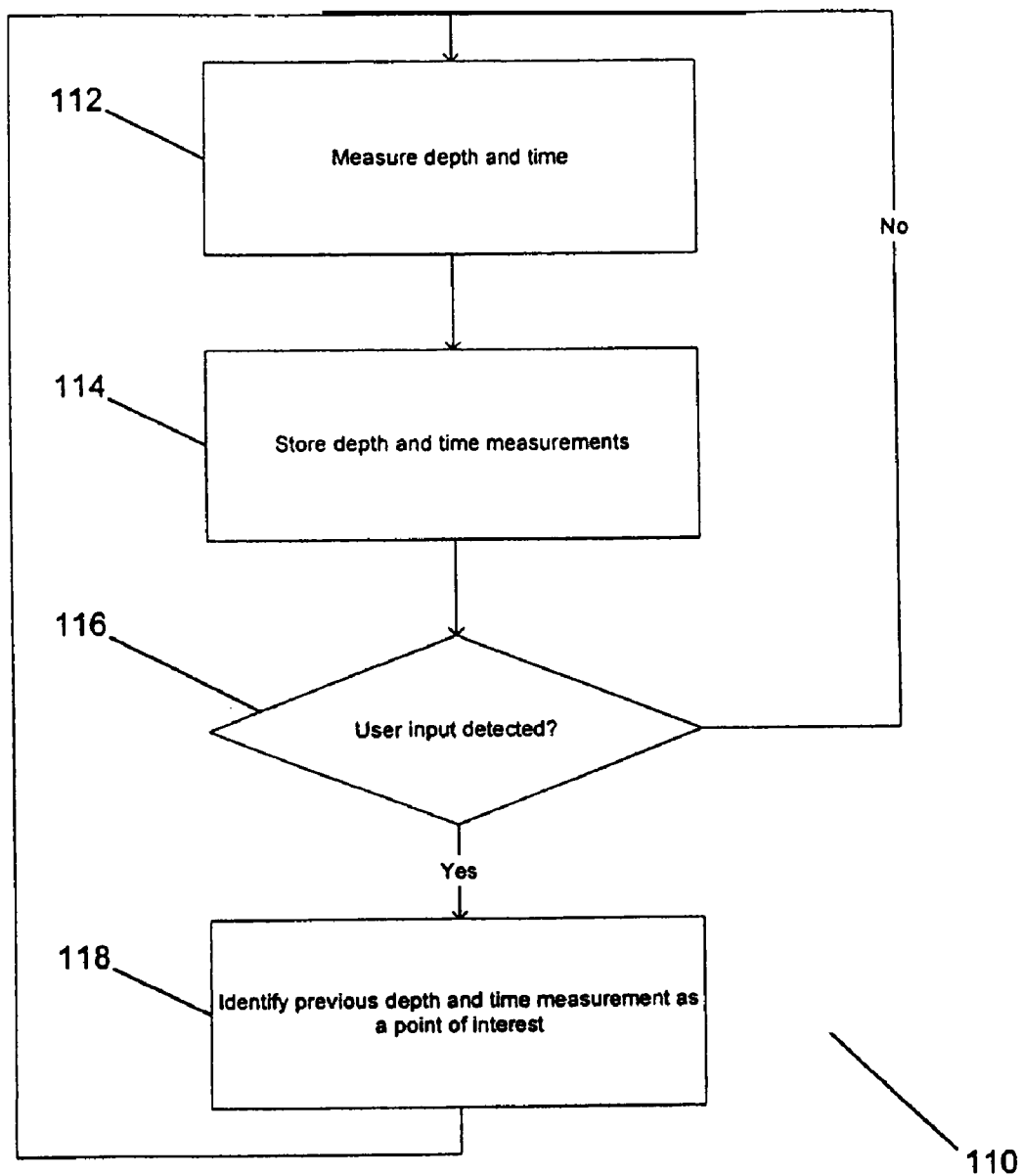


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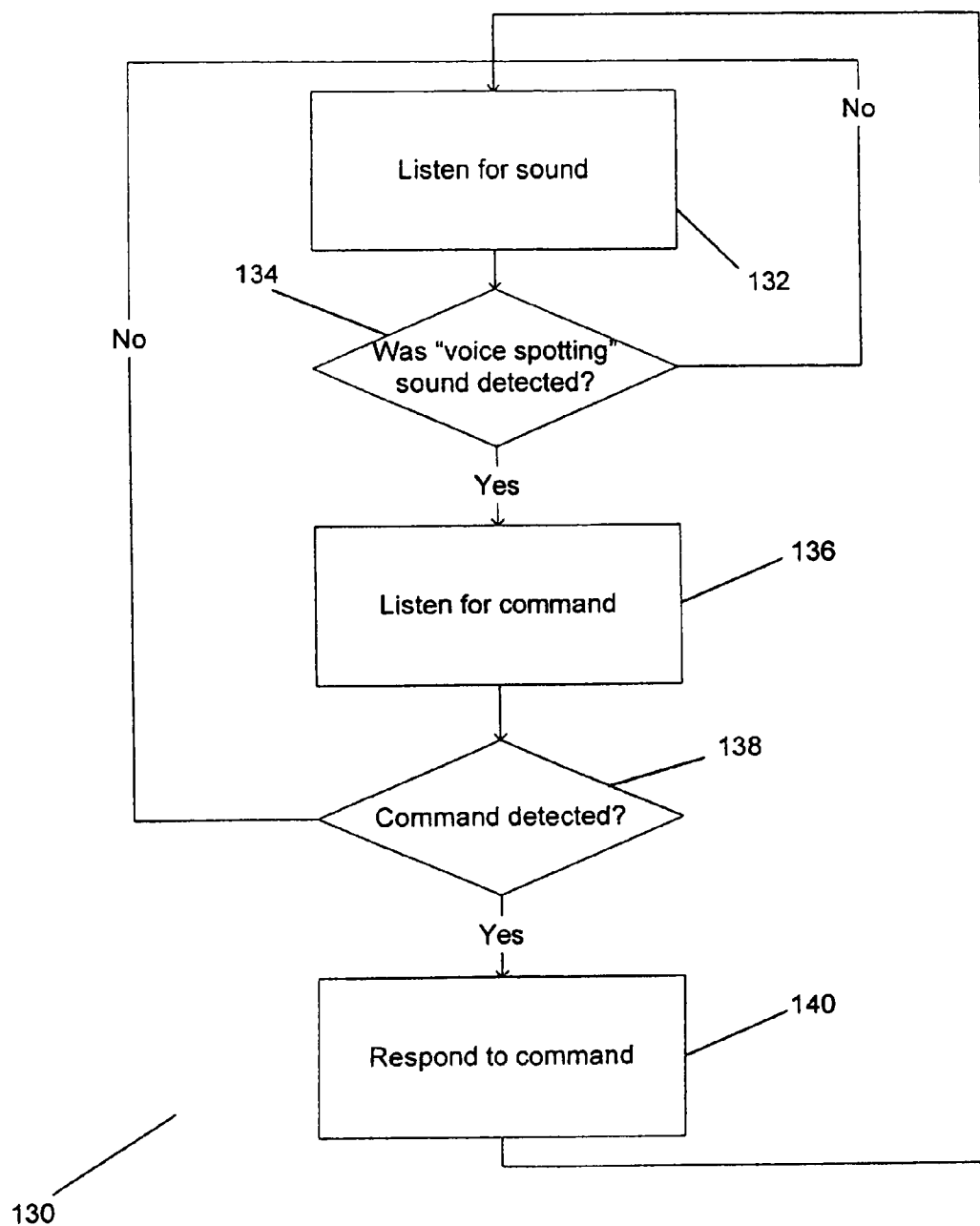


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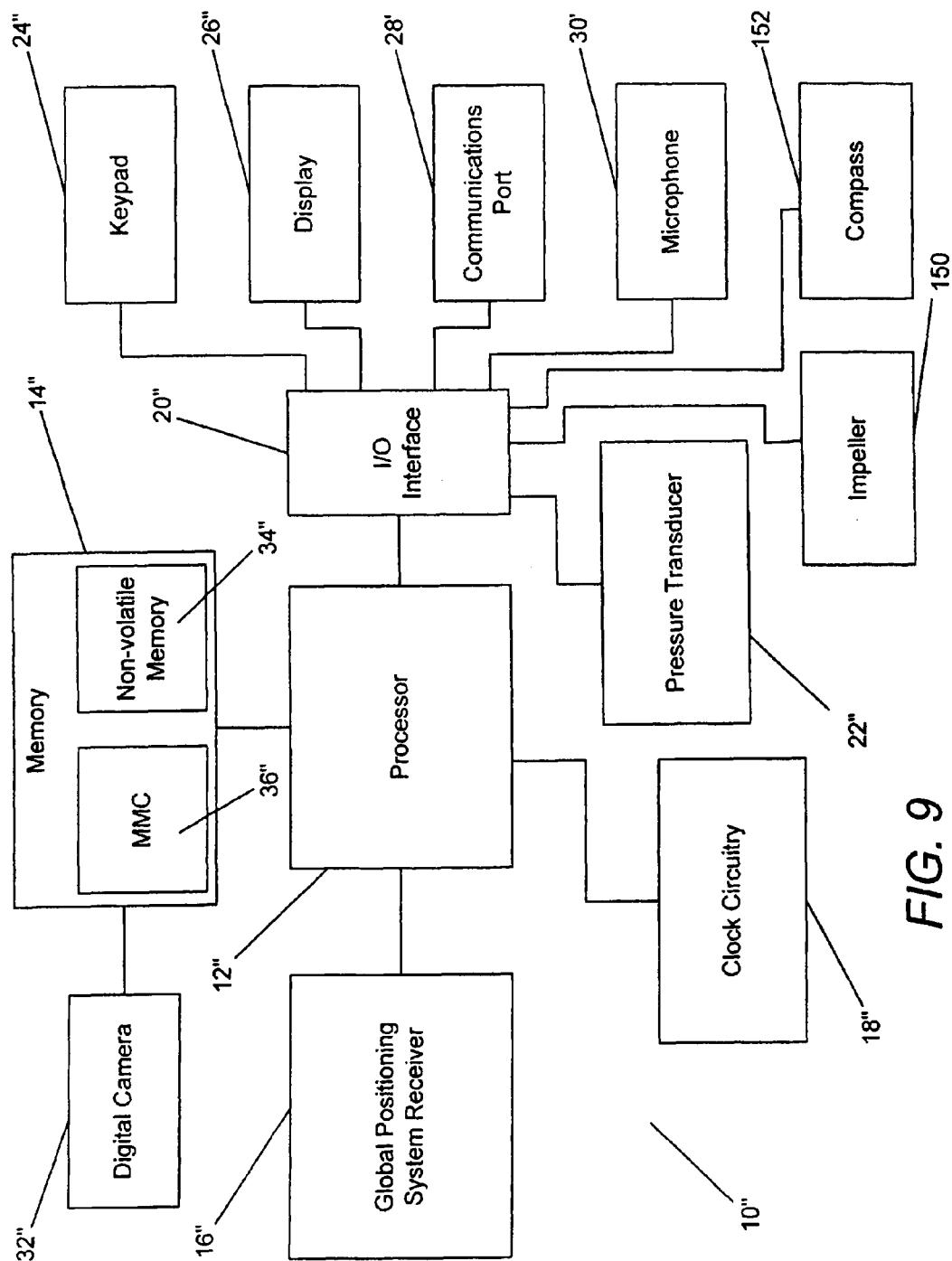


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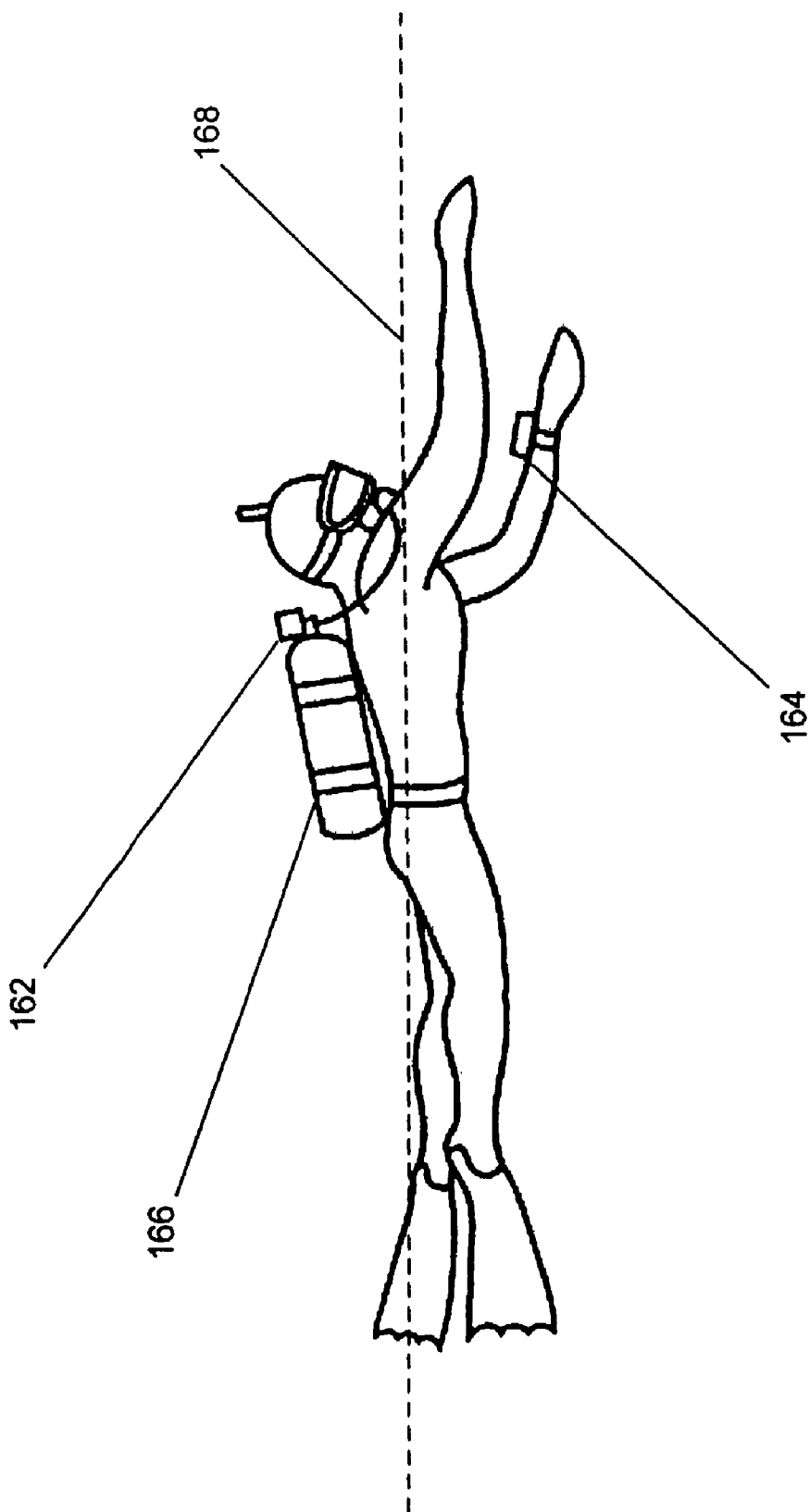


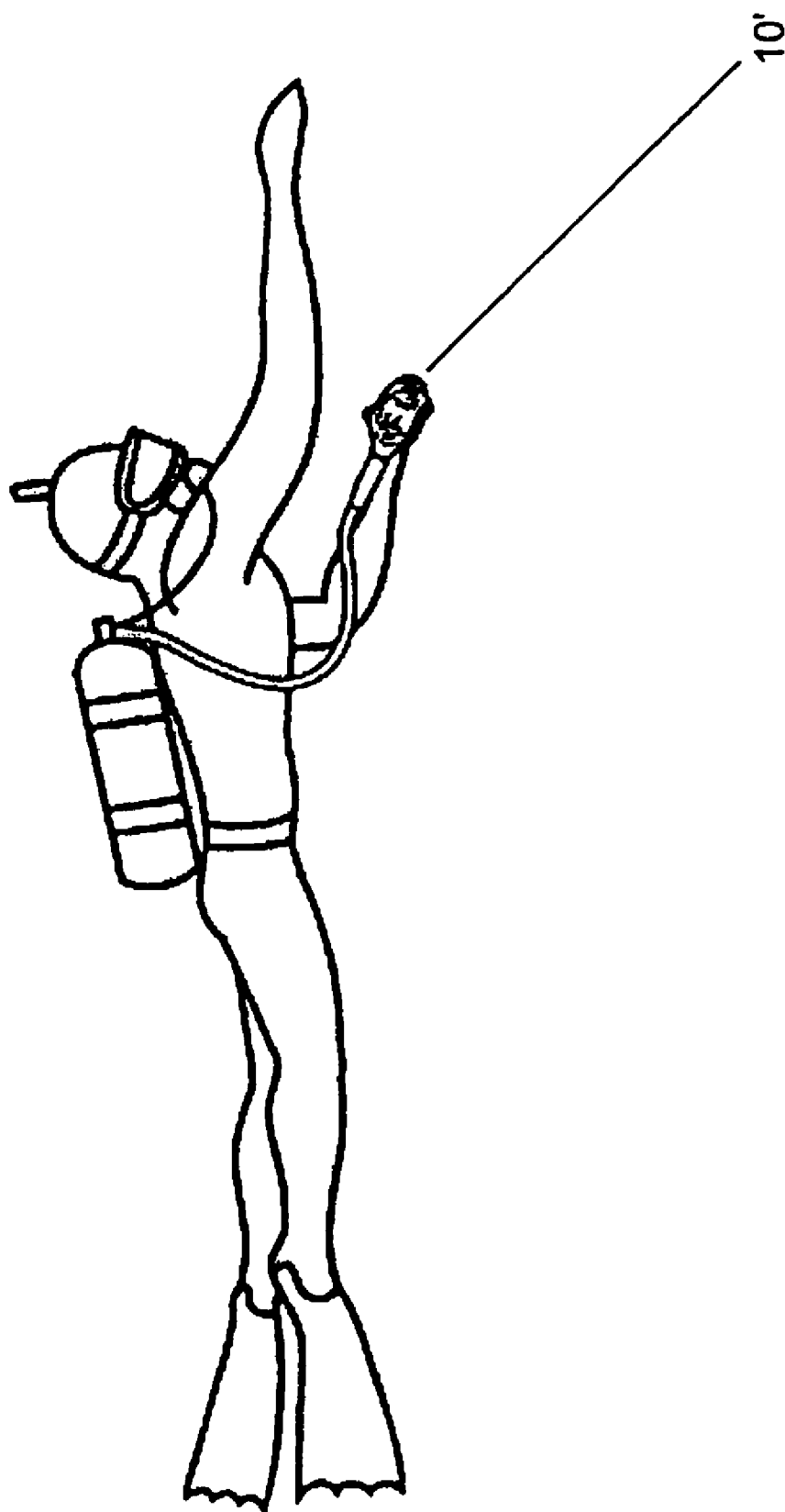
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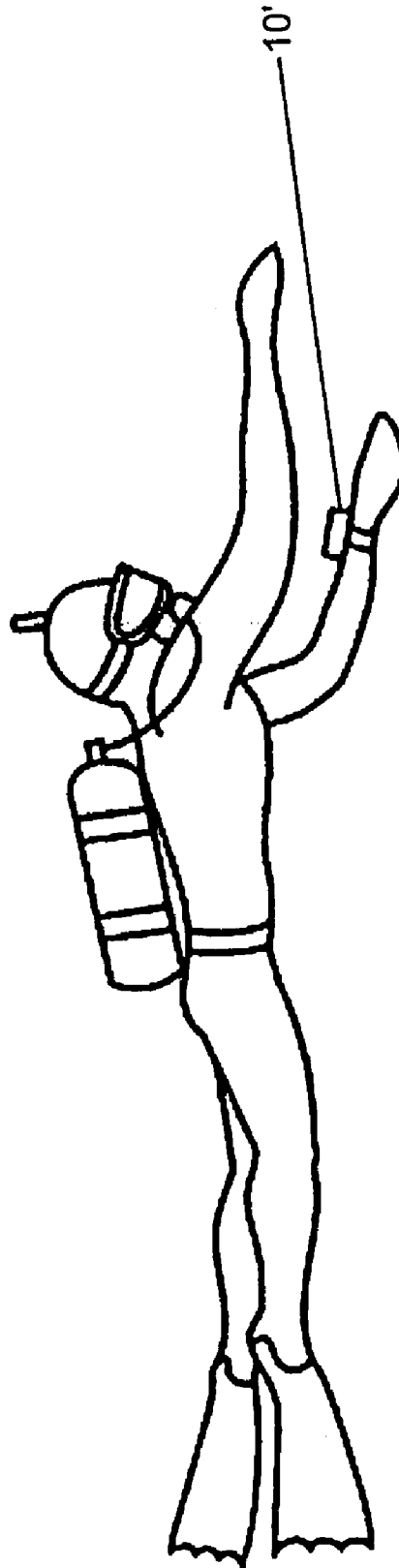


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**FIG. 10C**



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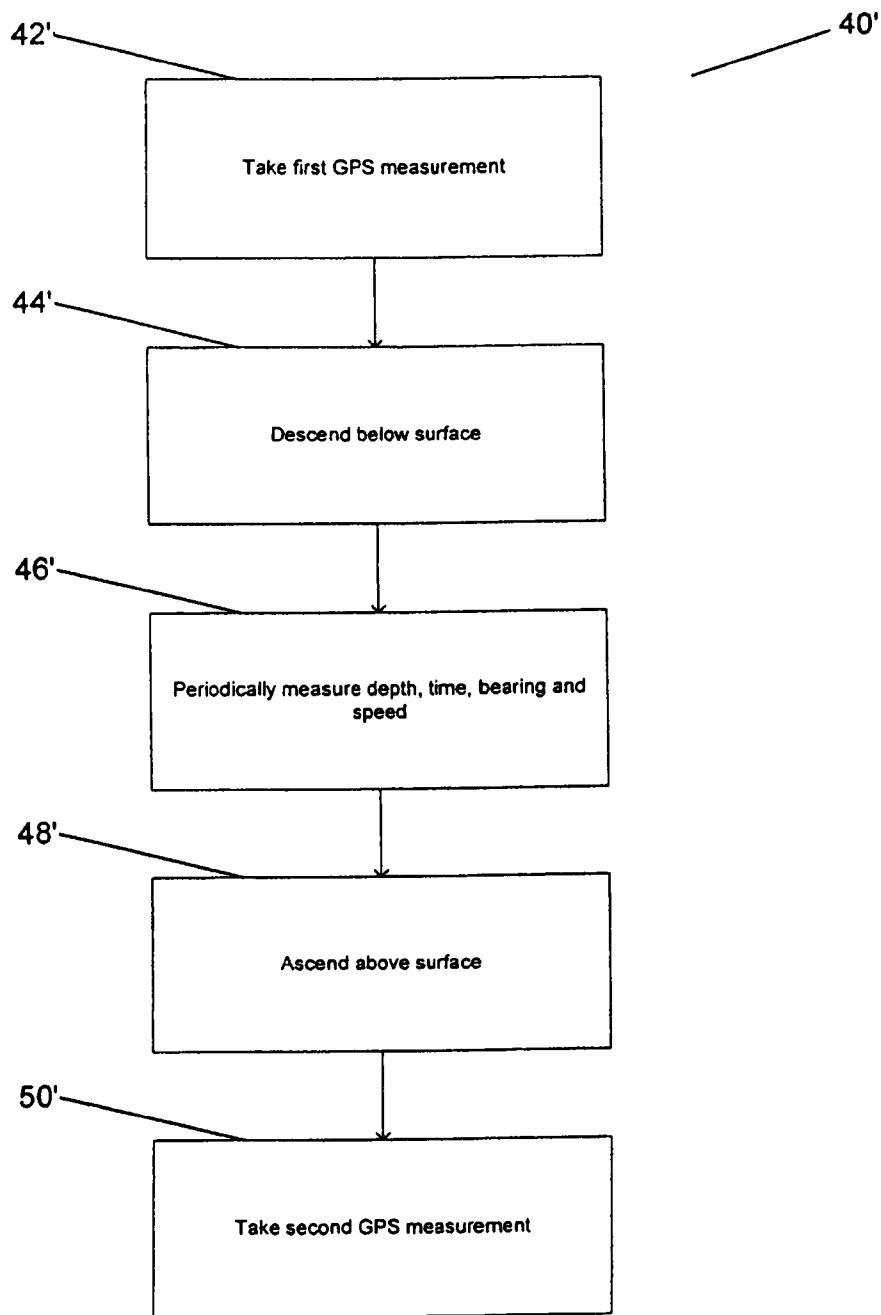


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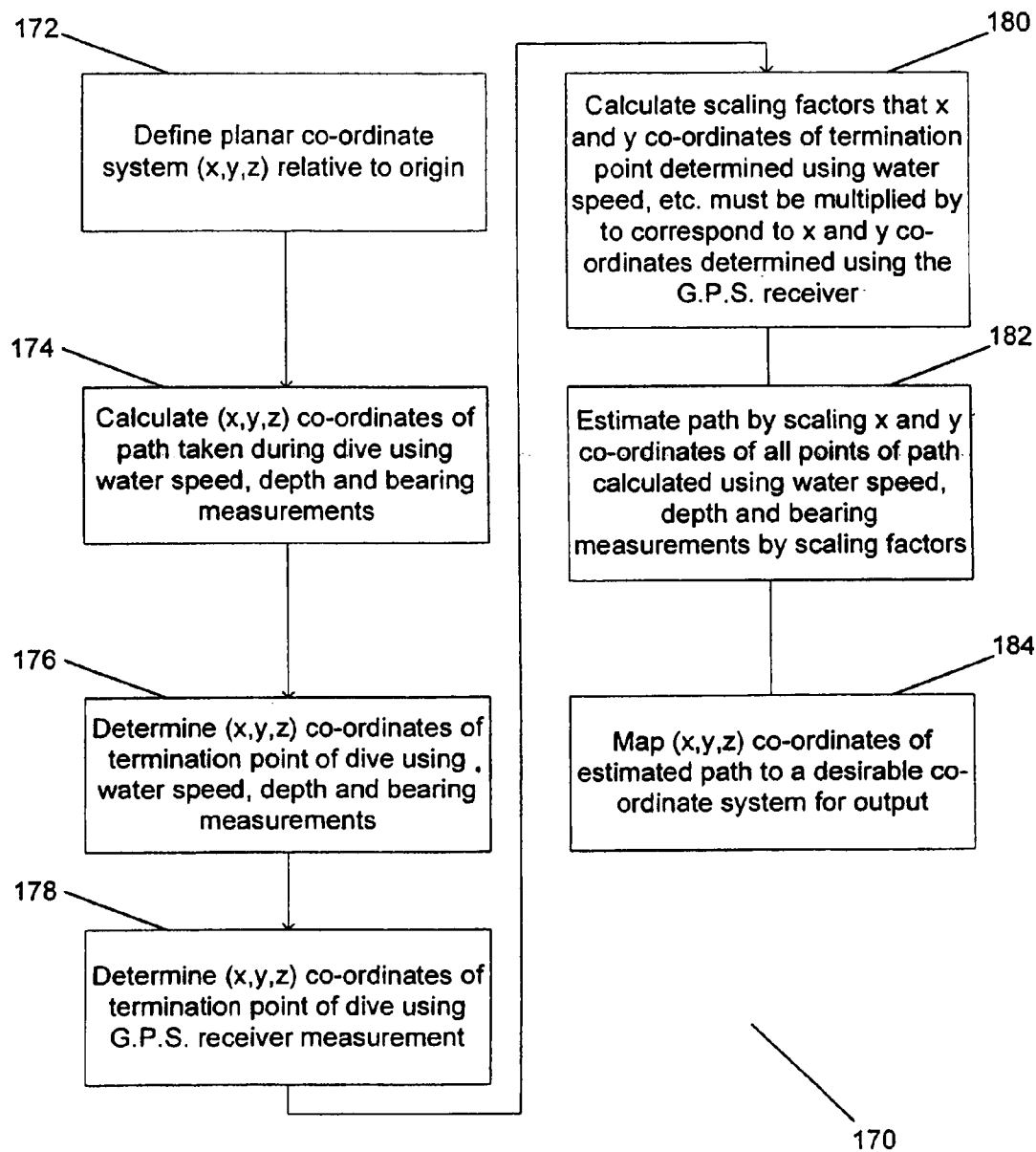
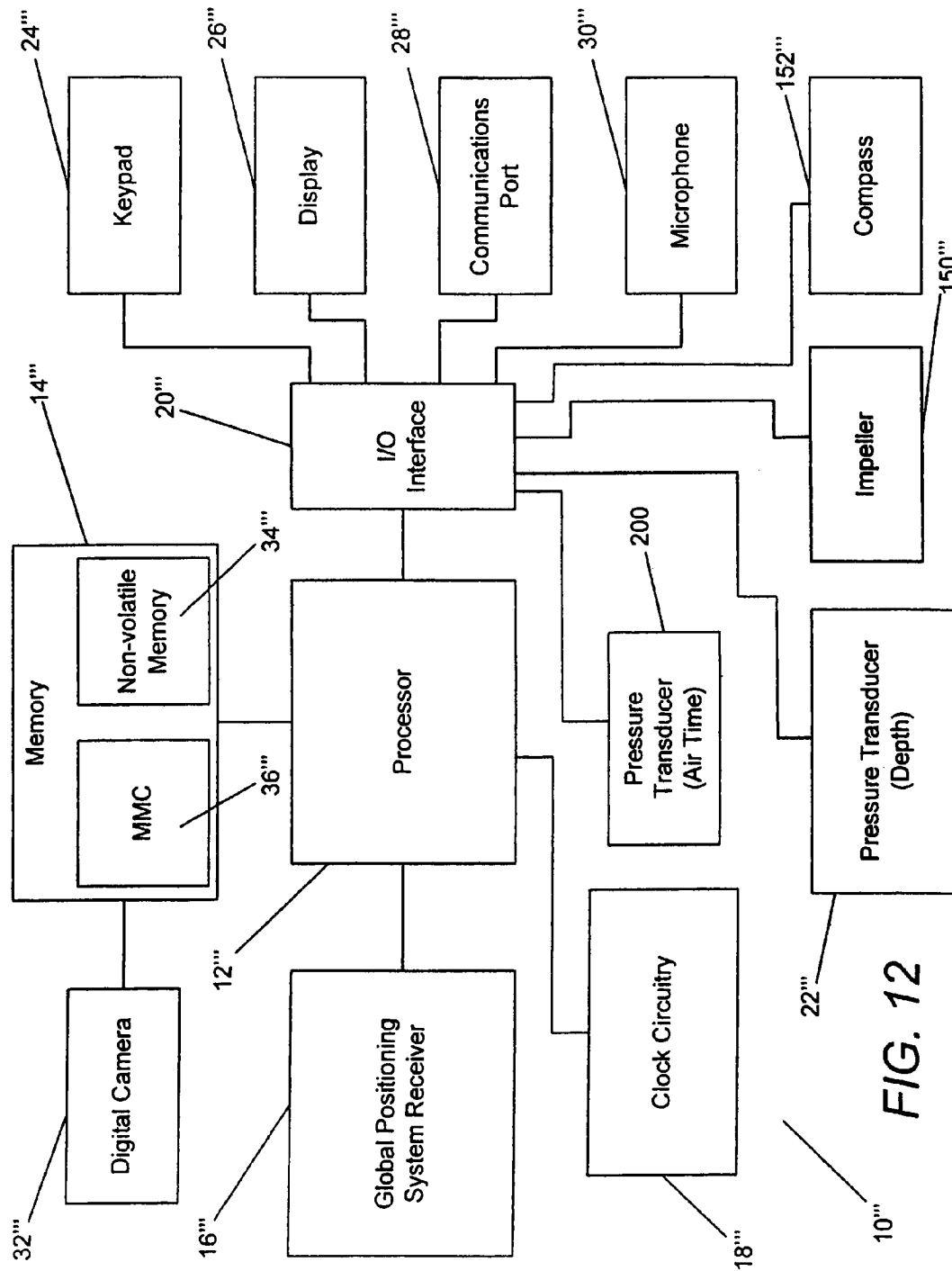


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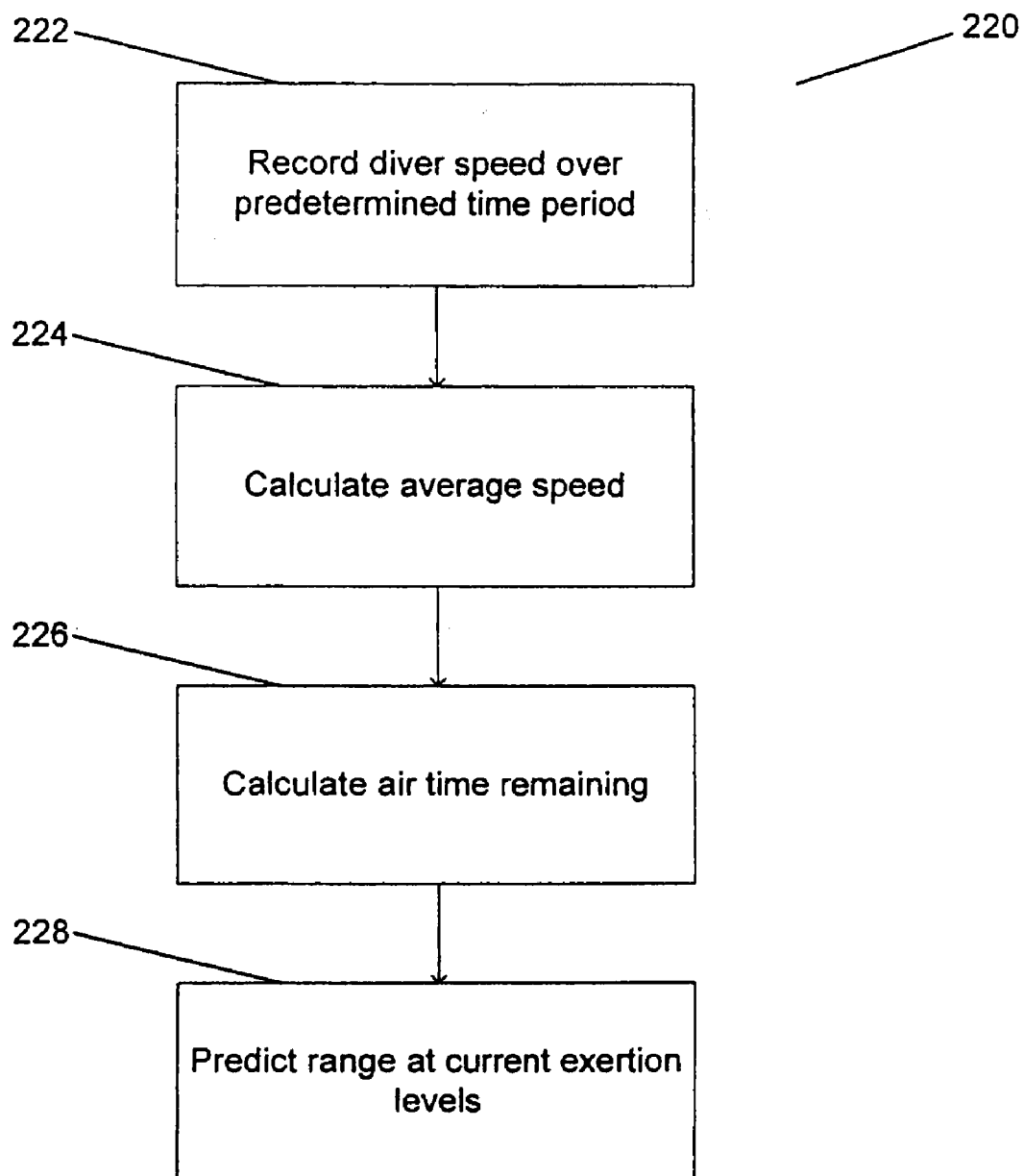


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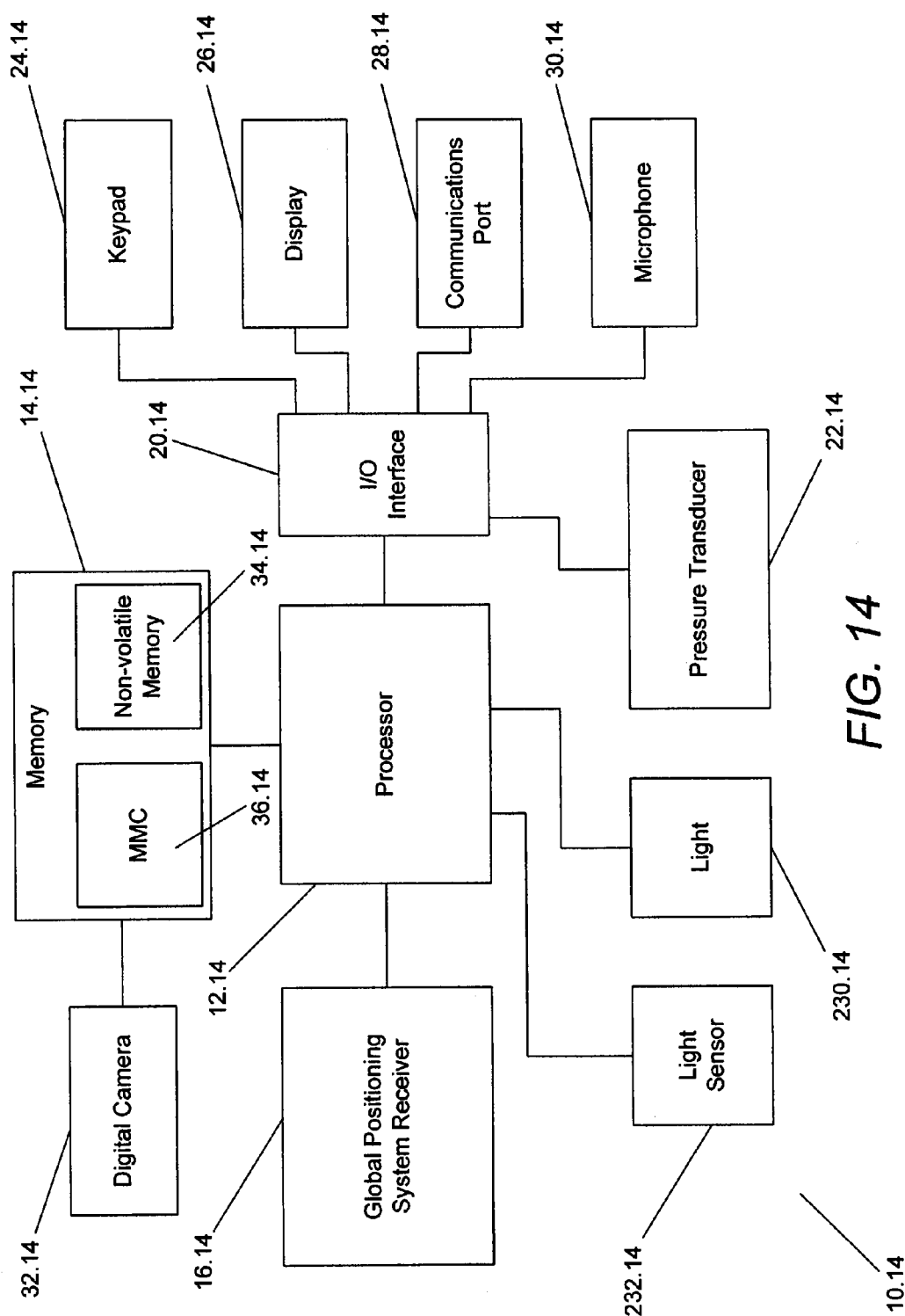
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**FIG. 13**



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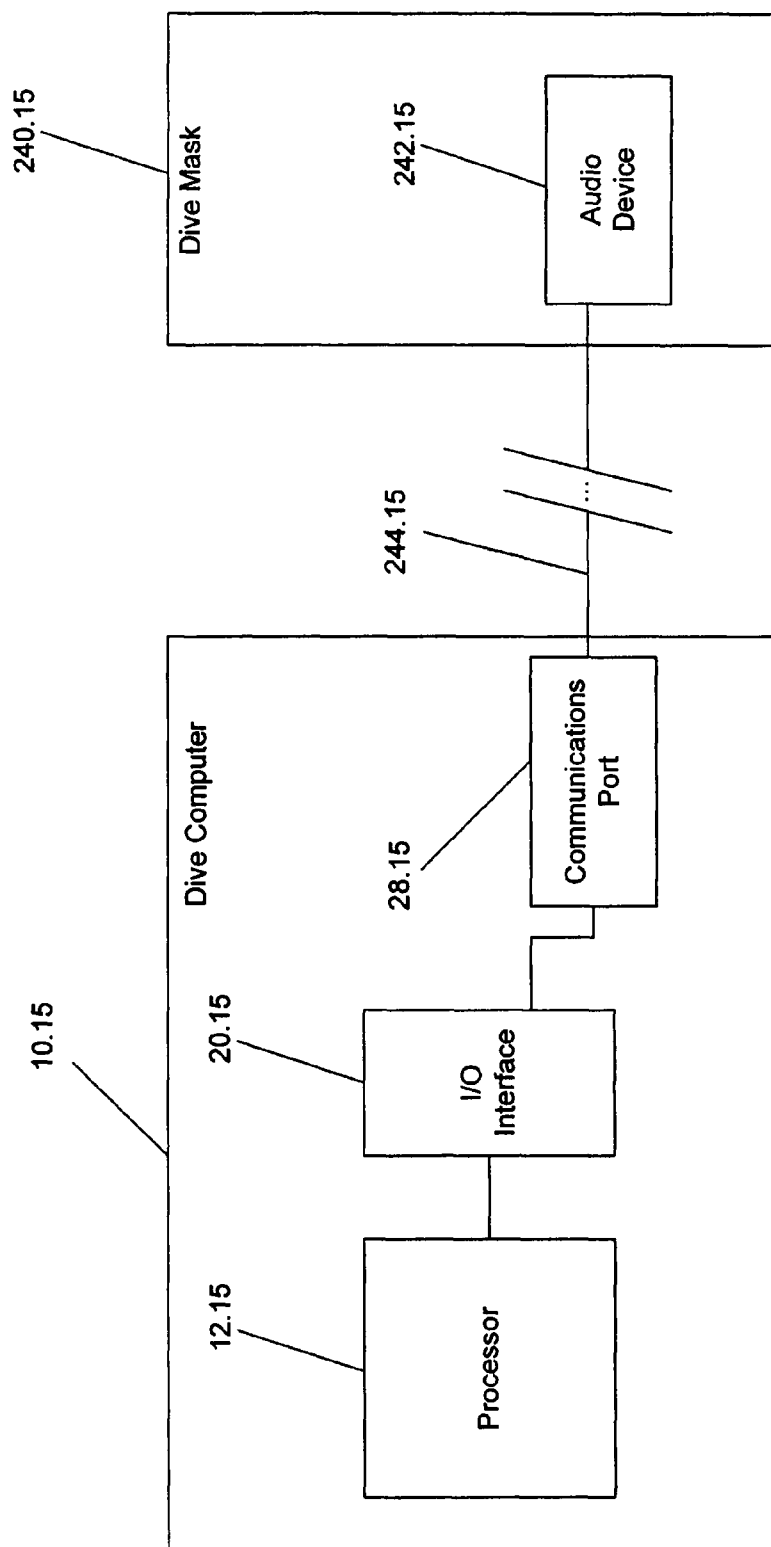


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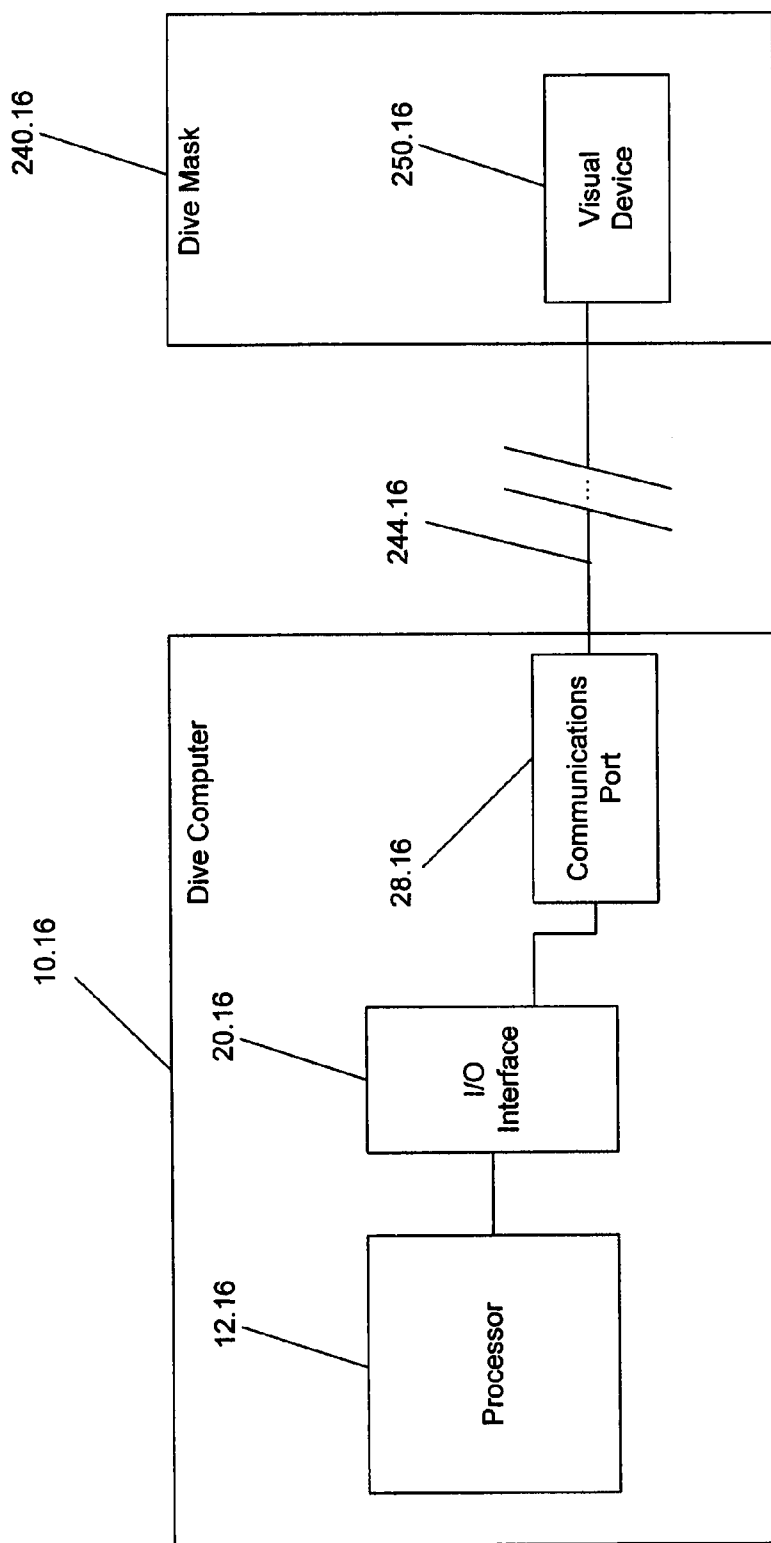


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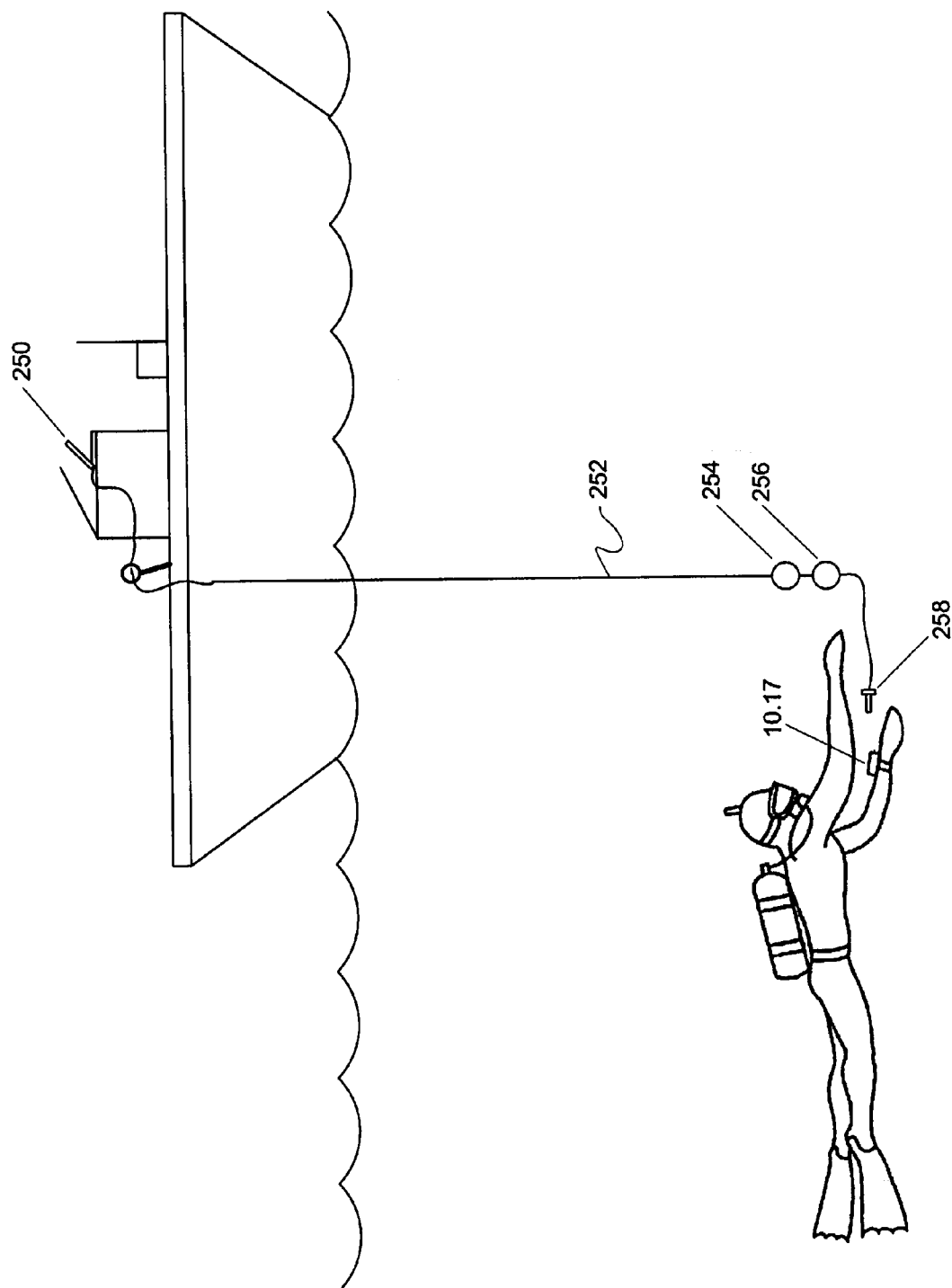


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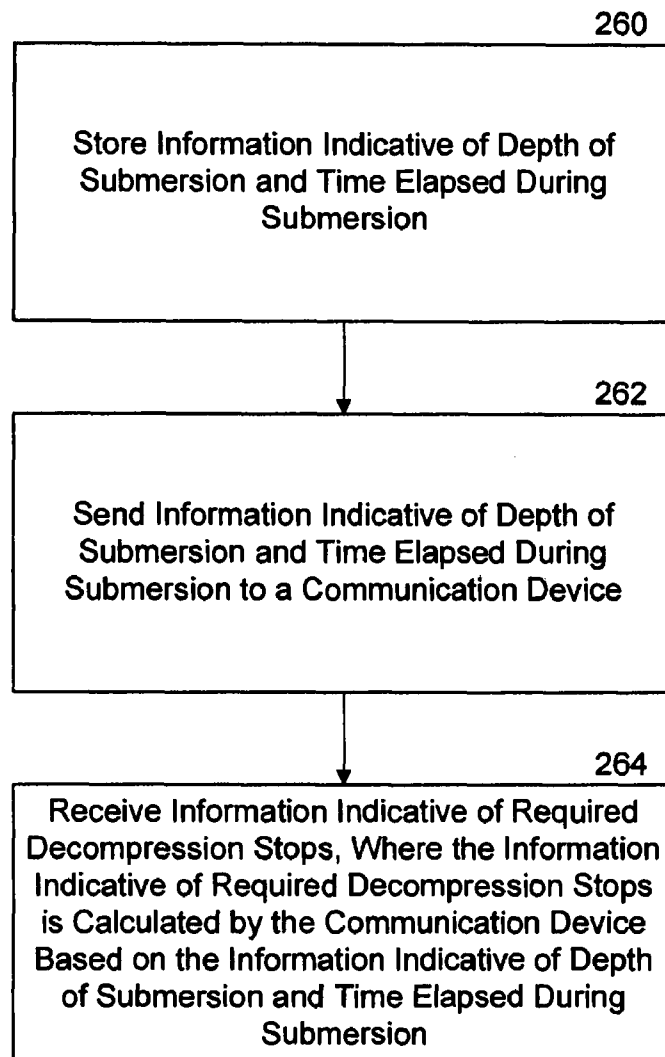


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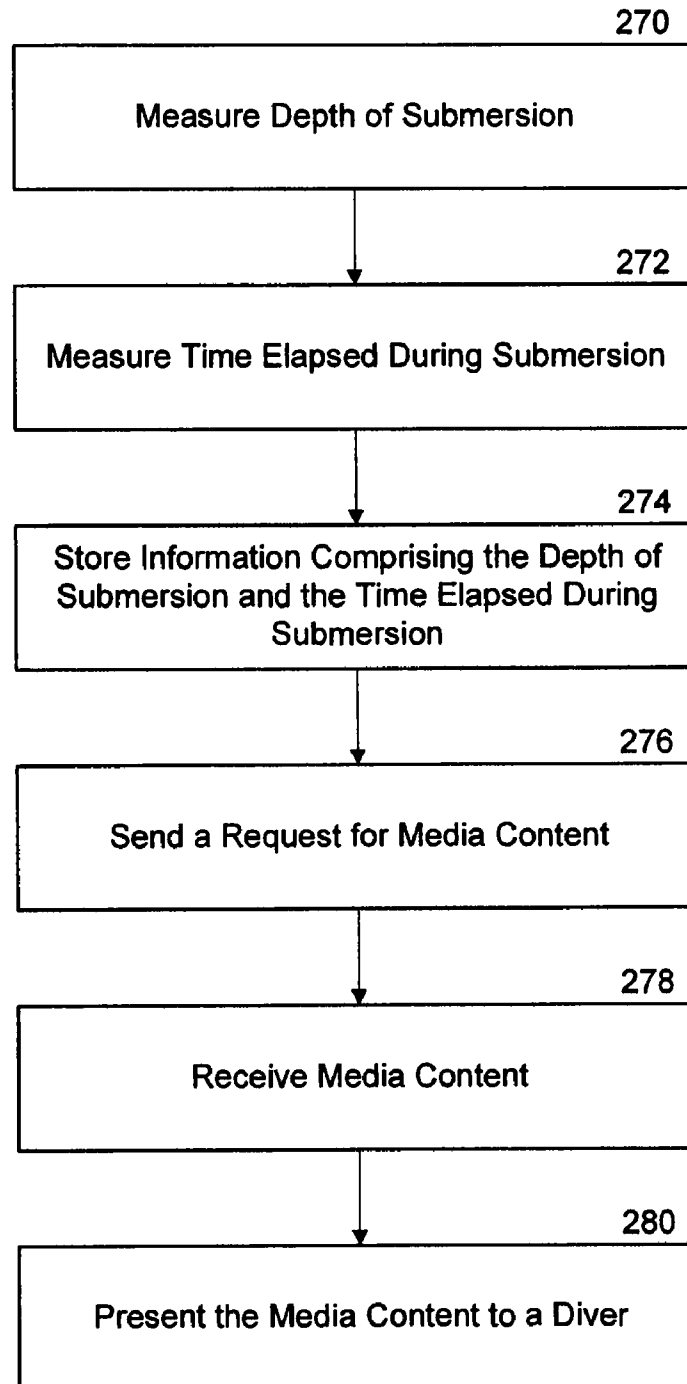
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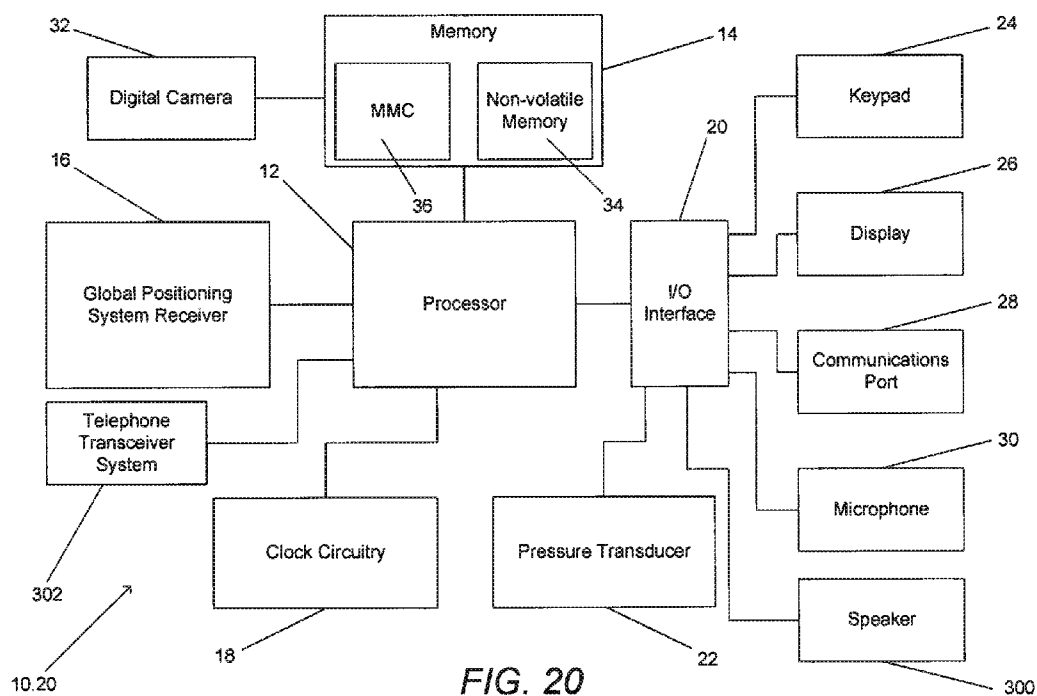
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**FIG. 18**



**FIG. 19**



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**DIVE COMPUTER WITH GLOBAL POSITIONING SYSTEM RECEIVER****RELATED CASES**

The present application claims priority to U.S. Provisional Application Ser. No. 60/977,749 filed Oct. 5, 2007, entitled "Dive Computer with Global Positioning System Receiver". The present application also claims priority as a continuation-in-part to U.S. patent application Ser. No. 12/170,871 filed Jul. 10, 2008 entitled "Dive Computer with Global Positioning System Receiver", which is a divisional of U.S. patent application Ser. No. 11/264,290 filed Oct. 31, 2005, now abandoned. U.S. patent application Ser. No. 11/264,290 is a continuation of U.S. patent application Ser. No. 10/615,635 filed Jul. 8, 2003, which claims priority to U.S. Provisional Application Ser. No. 60/394,982 filed Jul. 8, 2002, and issued as U.S. Pat. No. 6,972,715. The disclosure of U.S. patent application Ser. Nos. 12/170,871, 11/264,290 and 10/615,635, and the disclosure of U.S. Provisional Application Ser. Nos. 60/977,749 and 60/394,982 are incorporated by reference herein in their entirety.

**FIELD OF INVENTION**

The present invention relates generally to underwater exploration and more specifically to apparatus and techniques for determining location during a dive.

**BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**

The development of self-contained breathing systems has enabled humans to dive and remain underwater for several hours. The ability to remain underwater for an extended period of time can enable divers to reach considerable depths and cover expansive distances in exploring underwater terrain.

A problem commonly encountered by divers is an inability to accurately locate position underwater. Position is typically expressed in terms of three co-ordinates. The position of a diver underwater can be expressed in terms of a latitude, a longitude and a depth co-ordinate. The latitude and the longitude co-ordinates represent the latitude and the longitude of a point on the surface of the water directly above the diver. The depth co-ordinate represents the depth of the diver below the surface of the water. A dive computer similar to a ProPlus 2 manufactured by Oceanic Worldwide of San Leandro, Calif. can be used to track depth during a dive. However, depth alone is insufficient to locate the position of a diver during a dive.

**SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION**

Dive computers incorporating a variety of features are disclosed. One embodiment includes a processor, a light connected to the processor, where the light is configured to act as a flashlight, a global positioning system receiver connected to the processor, the display connected to the processor, a pressure transducer connected to the processor, and clock circuitry connected to the processor. In addition, the processor is configured to determine time using the clock circuitry, the processor is configured to determine depth of submersion using the pressure transducer, the processor is configured to generate position information using the global positioning system receiver, the processor is configured to provide depth

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and time information using the display, and the processor is configured to combine the time, depth, and position information into a dive log.

In a further embodiment, the light includes at least one light emitting diode and the processor is configured to activate the light in response to input received via the keypad.

Another embodiment includes a processor, a dive computer, an audio device, a communication channel connected to the processor and the audio device, and the processor is configured to generate a warning alarm using the audio device in response to a predetermined set of conditions.

A still further embodiment includes a dive computer, a dive mask incorporating an LED display configured to be visible to a diver when the dive mask is worn and the LED display is illuminated, and a wireless communication channel between the processor and the LED display. In addition, the dive computer is configured to display visual warnings via the LED display related to decompression.

Still another embodiment includes a processor, a display connected to the processor, a pressure transducer connected to the processor, clock circuitry connected to the processor, a keypad connected to the processor, and a removable memory connected to the processor. In addition, the processor is configured to determine time using the clock circuitry, the processor is configured to determine depth of submersion using the pressure transducer, and the processor is configured to provide depth and time information using the display.

In a yet further embodiment, the removable memory contains audio and/or video content.

In yet another embodiment, the removable memory contains information concerning a dive site.

A further embodiment again includes a microprocessor, a pressure transducer connected to the microprocessor, a microphone connected to the microprocessor, a speaker connected to the microprocessor, a telephone transceiver connected to the microprocessor, and a display. In addition, the microprocessor, pressure transducer and display are configured to display information concerning the dive computer's depth of submersion, and the microprocessor, microphone, speaker and telephone transceiver are configured to enable the dive computer to be used as a telephone handset.

Another embodiment again further includes a keypad connected to the microprocessor. In addition, the microprocessor, telephone transceiver and keypad are configured to enable the entry of text messages for transmission via the telephone transceiver.

In a further additional embodiment, the telephone transceiver is a cell phone transceiver.

In another additional embodiment, the telephone transceiver is a satellite phone transceiver.

A still yet further embodiment also includes a GPS receiver connected to the microprocessor. In addition, the microprocessor is configured to obtain GPS coordinates from the GPS receiver.

In still yet another embodiment, the microprocessor is configured to transmit a message containing the GPS coordinates via the telephone transceiver.

In a further additional embodiment, the microprocessor, the microphone, the speaker, the telephone transceiver, the display, and the GPS receiver are components of a mobile phone handset including an external connector for communicating with external devices, the pressure transducer is packaged separately from the mobile phone handset and the pressure transducer packaging includes a connector configured to mate with the external connector of the mobile phone handset creating a connection between the pressure transducer and the microprocessor, and the mobile phone handset

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and the pressure transducer are contained within a waterproof housing. In addition, a software application installed on the mobile phone handset configures the microprocessor to record information concerning the dive computer's depth and time of submersion in a dive log.

In a still further additional embodiment, the software application configures the mobile handset to upload the dive log to a remote server via the telephone transceiver.

## BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

FIG. 1 is a schematic illustration of an embodiment of a dive computer in accordance with practice of the present invention;

FIG. 2 is a flow chart illustrating a method of recording latitude, longitude, depth and time during a dive in accordance with practice of the present invention;

FIG. 3 is a flow chart illustrating a method of locating a point of interest using data recorded in accordance with practice of the present invention;

FIG. 4 is a schematic illustration of a dive computer including a buoy having a G.P.S. receiver antenna that is connected to the dive computer via a spool of communication cable;

FIG. 5 is a side view of a submerged diver equipped with a dive computer in accordance with the present invention including a buoy that is deployed at the surface;

FIG. 6 is a flow chart illustrating a method of recording latitude, longitude, depth and time during a dive in accordance with an embodiment of the present invention that ensures that an automatic measurement of latitude, longitude and time is made as a dive is commenced;

FIG. 7 is a flow chart illustrating a method of recording locations that a diver considers important;

FIG. 8 is a flow chart illustrating a method of detecting speech commands in accordance with practice of the present invention;

FIG. 9 is a schematic illustration of an embodiment of a dive computer in accordance with practice of the present invention that includes an impeller and a compass;

FIG. 10A is a side view of a diver equipped with a dive computer attached to an air tank and a wrist mounted display device in accordance with practice of the present invention;

FIG. 10B is a side view of diver using a dive computer that includes an impeller and a compass that is hose mounted;

FIG. 10C is a side view of diver using a dive computer that includes an impeller and a compass that is wrist mountable;

FIG. 11 is a flow chart illustrating a method of recording latitude, longitude, depth, time, bearing and water speed during a dive in accordance with an embodiment of the present invention;

FIG. 11A is a flow chart illustrating a method of estimating the course taken by a diver based on G.P.S. measurements and water speed, depth and bearing measurements recorded during the dive;

FIG. 12 is a schematic illustration of an embodiment of a dive computer in accordance with an embodiment of the invention that includes a pressure transducer for measuring air pressure in an air tank;

FIG. 13 is a flow chart illustrating a process for estimating the range of a diver using information concerning air time remaining and water speed;

FIG. 14 is a schematic illustration of a dive computer in accordance with an embodiment of the invention that includes a light;

FIG. 15 is a schematic illustration of a dive computer and a dive mask with an audio device in accordance with an embodiment of the invention;

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FIG. 16 is a schematic illustration of a dive computer and a dive mask with an visual device in accordance with an embodiment of the invention;

FIG. 17 is a side view of a submerged diver equipped with a dive computer configured to communicate with a communication device at the surface in accordance with an embodiment of the invention;

FIG. 18 is a flow chart illustrating a method of communication between a dive computer and a communication device at the surface in accordance with an embodiment of the invention; and

FIG. 19 is a flow chart illustrating a method of communication for a dive computer in accordance with an embodiment of the invention.

FIG. 20 is a schematic illustration of a dive computer including a microphone, speaker and telephone antenna in accordance with an embodiment of the invention.

## DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

Referring now to the drawings, dive computers in accordance with embodiments of the invention are illustrated. The dive computers make and record at least measurements of time, depth, and pressure. These measurements allow the dive computers to calculate whether a diver is ascending or descending at a safe rate and whether the diver needs to make decompression stops. The dive computers also specify the duration of the decompression stops, if they are needed. The dive computer display makes all of this information available to the diver visually. Calculations involving these measurements by the dive computer can indicate the need for warnings to the diver. Warnings to the diver can be based on air time remaining, unsafe rate of descent or ascent, decompression, or pressure. Warnings can appear on the display of the dive computer. Warnings can also be indicated to the diver by some visual display other than the display on the dive computer and/or aurally. In several embodiments, divers waiting underwater for decompression stops or for other reasons can play video and/or audio content stored in connection with the dive computer. In this way, a diver who is waiting for any period of time can watch a movie or listen to music while waiting.

The dive computers make and record at least three significant sets of measurements, which enable the estimation of the location of points of interest underwater and the path traveled by a diver during a dive. The first set of measurements typically includes measurements of latitude, longitude and time immediately prior to the commencement of a dive. The second set of measurements can be generated by periodically measuring depth and time during a dive. The third set of measurements can be compiled by measuring latitude, longitude and time immediately upon resurfacing from a dive. Following a dive, an estimation of location at a specified time during the dive using these three sets of measurements can be made by using a number of techniques in accordance with practice of the present invention. In several embodiments, the accuracy of the estimation can be increased by including measurements of speed and bearing in the second set of measurements.

Turning now to FIG. 1, a dive computer in accordance with practice of the present invention is illustrated. The dive computer 10 includes a processor 12 that is connected to memory 14, a G.P.S. receiver 16, clock circuitry 18 and an input/output interface 20. The input/output interface 20 is connected to a number of devices that can be used to communicate with a user or other devices. In one embodiment, these devices include a pressure transducer 22, a keypad 24, a display 26, a

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communications port **28** and a microphone **30**. A digital camera **32** is also provided as an input device, however, the digital camera bypasses the microprocessor and is connected directly to the memory **14**.

The processor **12** receives information from the G.P.S. receiver **16**, the clock circuitry **18** and the input/output interface **20** and selectively stores the information in memory **14**. In one embodiment, the processor is implemented using a MSP430F149 manufactured by Texas Instruments Incorporated of Dallas, Tex. However, the processor could be implemented using other microprocessors, discrete logic components and/or several separate processing elements that share information.

The memory **14** can be used to store data logged by the dive computer **10**, to temporarily store information during the performance of calculations and to store software used to control the operation of the processor **12**. The memory **14** need not be a single integrated circuit and can be constructed from a number of integrated circuits having distinct properties. In the illustrated embodiment, the memory **14** includes non-volatile memory circuits **34** to store software for controlling the processor **12**, manufacturer settings, user settings and calibration data. In addition, the memory **14** also includes a removable memory device **36** that is used to store data logged during a dive such as images, a dive profile, dive logs, GPS logs and/or audio recordings. One aspect of using a removable memory device is that individual dives can be logged on separate removable memory devices and the removable memory devices used as a method of storing the logged data remote from the dive computer. In other embodiments, multimedia such as movies and/or music can be loaded into the dive computer for viewing via the removable memory. In many embodiments, the removable memory contains information concerning a dive site such as marine life common to the area, points of interest and/or maps. In embodiments that use a MSP430F149 processor or equivalent processor device, the non-volatile memory included on the processor chip can be used to implement the non-volatile memory circuits **34** and the removable memory device can be implemented using a SDMB-128-768 128 MB MultiMedia Card manufactured by SanDisk of Sunnyvale, Calif. In other embodiments, memory devices of various sizes, volatility and portability can be used depending on the software requirements of the system and the data logging requirements of the user. For example, the removable memory device can be replaced by a similar sized fixed memory device such as an AT2508N-10SI-1.8 manufactured by Atmel Corporation of San Jose, Calif. or an equivalent memory device.

The G.P.S. receiver **16** utilizes signals broadcast from satellites to make calculations of latitude and longitude. The G.P.S. receiver provides the latitude and longitude information to the processor, which is responsible for the processing and storage of the information. In one embodiment, the G.P.S. receiver is implemented using a GeoHelix-H GPS antenna manufactured by Sarantel Ltd. of Wellingborough, United Kingdom. In other embodiments, other G.P.S. receiver technologies, such as an Embedded 3.3V G.P.S. Antenna in conjunction with an M-LocJ MPM module both manufactured by Trimble Navigation Limited of Sunnyvale, Calif., can be used that are capable of providing information to the processor generating latitude and longitude co-ordinates.

The clock circuitry **18** can be used to measure the passage of time. Typically the clock circuitry **18** will incorporate a quartz crystal that is used to generate a periodic signal that can be observed in order to measure the passage of time. The clock circuitry **18** can also be synchronized with an external clock to enable time to be expressed in absolute terms using a

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time, a day, a month and a year. In one embodiment the clock circuitry is part of the MSP430F149 microcontroller described above. In other embodiments, the absolute time can be obtained using the G.P.S. receiver **16**.

The input/output interface **20** can be constructed from any variety of wires, antennas, transmitters, receivers, connectors and buffers. The configuration of the input/output interface **20** is dependent on the input/output devices that are connected to the dive computer. In the embodiment shown in FIG. **1**, the input/output devices include a pressure transducer, a keypad, a display, a communications port and a microphone. In other embodiments, any other combination of input/output devices can be connected to the dive computer via the input/output interface. In one embodiment, the portion of the input/output interface connected to the pressure transducer includes a standard analog to digital converter. In addition, the input/output interface uses a display driver such as an S6B33A1 manufactured by Samsung of Seoul, South Korea to connect to segment display **26** and a CS53L32A High Speed Analog to Digital converter manufactured by Cirrus Logic, Inc. of Austin, Tex. to connect to the microphone **30**.

The pressure transducer **22** can be used to measure the pressure of the water in which the dive computer is immersed. In one embodiment a 17887.A Low Pressure Transducer manufactured by Pelagic Pressure Systems of San Leandro, Calif. can be used to construct the pressure transducer **22**. In other embodiments, other circuits capable of generating an electrical signal indicative of the water pressure in which the dive computer is immersed can be used.

A keypad **24** is typically provided to enable the user to enter information concerning the dive or to direct the processor **12** to provide the user with information. In one embodiment, the keypad **24** includes one or more buttons that can be used to tag the location of the user as a point of interest. As will be explained in greater detail below, the tagged location can be subsequently retrieved from the memory **14** of the dive computer **10**. In other embodiments, the keypad **24** can include one or more buttons, toggles, joysticks or equivalent devices with which the user can provide instructions to the processor **12**.

A display **26** is typically provided to present information in a graphical manner to the user. Information that can be provided to the user includes a recent G.P.S. reading, depth and/or time. If the dive computer **10** performs other functions, information relating to these functions can also be communicated using the display **26**.

One skilled in the art will appreciate that the connection of keypads **24** and displays **26** to dive computers **10** is well known and any number of possible configurations, devices and circuitry could be used to establish a connection between these devices and the processor **12**.

The communications port **28** is provided to enable the transfer of information between the dive computer **10** and other devices. In one embodiment, the communications port **28** is an Integrated Low Profile Transceiver Module IrDA standard such as the TFDU4100 manufactured by Vishay Semiconductor, Inc. of Malvern, Pa. In other embodiments, other wired or wireless connections and protocols can be used to communicate with external devices. The transfer of information via the communications port **28** enables the movement of data and new software between the dive computer **10** and other devices. In one embodiment, dive information stored in the dive computer memory **14** can be loaded onto a personal computer and stored, graphed or manipulated. In addition, information from a previous dive stored on an external device can be loaded into the memory **14** of the dive



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computer for reference during a subsequent dive or information stored within the dive computer can be manipulated by external devices.

The microphone 30 is provided to enable the audio annotation of data logged by the dive computer 10. The annotations can be made before, during or after a dive by making a digital recording of the words spoken by the user and associating them with a particular dive or with particular tagged locations. In other embodiments, automatic speech recognition could be used to generate textual annotations. The addition of automatic speech recognition technology would also enable the dive computer to respond to audible instructions from the user. In one embodiment, the microphone 30 can be a MAB-06A-B manufactured by Star Micronics Company, Ltd. of Edison, N.J. As described above, the input/output interface 20 can include an analog-to-digital converter for connection to the microphone. The analog-to-digital converter can sample the analog signal generated by the microphone 30 and generate a digital representation of the analog signal. In one embodiment, the analog-to-digital converter samples the signal from the microphone 30 at a rate of 8 kHz and uses 28 quantization levels to represent the signal. In other embodiments, other sampling rates and a different number of quantization levels can be used as is appropriate.

In embodiments where automatic speech recognition is used, the processor 12 or a discrete device in the input/output interface 20 can convert the digital representations of the signals from the microphone 30 to text or commands using hidden Markov models, neural networks, hybrid neural network/hidden Markov models or other speech modeling or recognition techniques. In one embodiment, speech recognition is performed using a RSC-4x Speech Recognition Microcontroller manufactured by Sensory, Inc. of Santa Clara, Calif.

The digital camera 32 is provided to enable the capture of images during a dive and to enable the use of these images as part of a dive log if desired by the user. The digital camera can be implemented using a lens and an array of charge coupled devices both of which are contained within the waterproof dive computer housing. In one embodiment, the digital camera is implemented using a MB86S02A CMOS sensor manufactured by Fujitsu Microelectronics America, Inc. of Sunnyvale, Calif. to capture image information and a MCF5307 Direct Memory Access Controller manufactured by Motorola, Inc. of Schaumburg, Ill. to transfer the image information directly to the memory 14. In other embodiments, any circuitry capable of capturing a digital image can be used to obtain image information and store it in memory either via direct memory access or using the processor 12 in combination with the input/output interface 22.

Other input or output devices in addition to those described above can be connected to a dive computer in accordance with the present invention. In one embodiment speakers are connected to the input/output interface to enable the playback of recorded speech or to allow a diver to listen to music during a dive. In other embodiments, other combinations of devices can be used to meet the information requirements and data recording requirements of a diver during a dive.

Turning now to FIG. 2, a method 40 of recording information during a dive that enables estimation of position in accordance with an embodiment of the invention is illustrated. The method includes taking (42) a first G.P.S. measurement, which is performed prior to descending (44) below the surface. Once below the surface, depth and time are periodically measured (46). After ascending (48) to the surface, a second G.P.S. measurement is taken (50).

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If data is logged during a dive in accordance with the method 40, then position during the dive can be estimated. If the user tags a particular location during a dive as being of interest, then the user can use the data logged in accordance with the method 40 shown in FIG. 2 to subsequently locate the point of interest.

Turning now to FIG. 3, a method of locating a previously identified point of interest using data logged in accordance with practice of the present invention is illustrated. The method 60 includes calculating (62) the duration of the recorded dive, calculating (64) the time that was taken to reach the identified point of interest from the start point of the dive and determining (66) a straight line 'L' between the start point of the dive and the end point of the dive. Once these functions have been performed, a value 'A' is then calculated (68), which is equal to the length of the line 'L' multiplied by the time taken to reach the point of interest and divided by the duration of the dive. The value 'A' is then used to locate (70) a point 'P', which is a distance 'A' from the start point of the dive along the line 'L'.

Once the point 'P' has been identified, a diver can travel (72) to the latitude and longitude of point 'P' and commence a dive. The diver can then enter the water and descend (74) to the recorded depth of the point of interest. At this depth, the point of interest can be located by searching (76) outwardly while attempting to maintain the recorded depth of the point of interest. The depth of a point of interest is particularly important in relocating that point. The co-ordinates calculated as the latitude and longitude of a point of interest using data collected by a dive computer in accordance with the practice of the present invention are simply estimates that place a diver in the vicinity of the point of interest. The knowledge of the depth at which the point of interest is located enables the diver to perform an expanding search in the plane of that depth. Without this information, a diver could be forced to search in three dimensions instead of two. The advantages of knowing a depth co-ordinate are increased when the point of interest forms part of the topography of the sea floor. A diver can rapidly locate such a point of interest by simply descending to the recorded depth of the point of interest and then searching outwardly from the point of descent until a portion of the sea bed is encountered at the recorded depth of the point of interest. By following the topography of the sea bed at the depth of the point of interest, the diver has a high likelihood of rapidly relocating the point of interest.

The method 60 illustrated in FIG. 3 can use data recorded in accordance with the method 40 shown in FIG. 2. The time recorded at the beginning of the dive and the time recorded at the end of the dive can be used to calculate (62) the duration of the dive. Likewise, the time at the beginning of the dive and the time recorded at the point of interest can be used to calculate (64) the time taken to reach the point of interest. The latitude and longitude co-ordinates at the beginning of the dive and the latitude and longitude co-ordinates at the end of the dive can be used to generate the line 'L' (68) and the times calculated above can be used to locate the estimated latitude and longitude of the point of interest as described above.

Other techniques can be used to locate a point of interest using data recorded in accordance with embodiments of the invention. In one embodiment, the logged data can be used to return to a point of interest by commencing the second dive at the latitude and longitude of whichever of the start and end points of the earlier dive was closest to the point of interest. The diver can then travel towards the other of the start and end points. The point of interest can then be located by traveling in this direction at the recorded depth of the point of interest

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for a time approximating the time it took to travel to the point of interest during the previous dive.

If a diver seeks to be able to return to a point of interest with a high degree of accuracy on subsequent dives, then the diver is advised to ascend to the surface at the point of interest. The dive computer 10 can then make a G.P.S. measurement and the diver can be confident that returning to the recorded latitude and longitude and descending to the recorded depth will enable rapid location of the point of interest.

An alternative to ascending to the surface is to use the dive computer 10' illustrated in FIG. 4 that includes a compass 70 and a G.P.S. antenna 72 mounted on a buoy 74, which is connected to the other components of the dive computer 75 via a spool 76 of communication cable 78. In other embodiments, a wireless connection is used between the spool and the other components of the dive computer. When a diver wishes to take a measurement of latitude and longitude at a point of interest, the buoy is released. At the surface, the antenna can receive the satellite signals required to measure latitude and longitude. These signals are then conveyed to the G.P.S. receiver via the communications cable. In other embodiments, additional components such as the entire G.P.S. receiver can be included in the buoy. In one embodiment the spool is an AR-05 manufactured by Saekodive of Taiwan.

Displacement of the buoy relative to the position of the diver is illustrated in FIG. 5. The displacement of the buoy 74 relative to a position "P" directly above the diver can be calculated using Pythagoras' theorem by measuring the length of communication cable 78 released from the spool 76 and the depth of the diver. The length of communication cable released can be measured using markings on the cable 78 and entered in the dive computer manually or via voice command. Alternatively an external line counter could be used that communicates to the processor of the dive computer via a wireless or wired link. The depth of the diver can be measured using the dive computer in the manner described above. The direction of the displacement can be determined using a compass bearing of the cable relative to the diver.

Embodiments of the dive computer in accordance with practice of the present invention can enable automatic recording of latitude and longitude immediately prior to the dive computer 10 descending below the surface of the water and immediately upon returning to the surface. Turning now to FIG. 6, a method in accordance with practice of the present invention for automatically recording the latitude, longitude and time prior to commencing a dive and upon surfacing from a dive is illustrated. The method 90 includes making (92) and storing (94) measurements of latitude, longitude and time using a G.P.S. receiver. The process of measuring latitude, longitude and time with the G.P.S. receiver and storing the values continues until the diver descends below the surface and the answer to the decision (96) of whether the diver has descended below the surface becomes affirmative.

Once the diver is below the surface, measurements (98) of depth and time are made and the measurements are recorded (100) in the memory of the dive computer. The measurement and recording of depth and time continues for as long as the diver remains below the surface and until the answer to the decision (102) of whether the diver has surfaced is affirmative. Once the diver has surfaced, a measurement (104) of latitude, longitude and time is made and the measurement is recorded.

The method 90 described in FIG. 6 can ensure that the measurement stored at the commencement of the dive is the most recent measurement of latitude, longitude and time that has been made by the G.P.S. receiver 16 and dive computer

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10. In addition, the method 90 enables periodic measurement of depth and time during the dive and the rapid recording of latitude, longitude and time when the diver resurfaces. In other embodiments, the logging of latitude, longitude and time can be initiated in response to user input.

The method 90 shown in FIG. 6 can be modified to enable the diver to identify points of interest during the dive. Turning now to FIG. 7, a method in accordance with the practice of the present invention of identifying points of interest during a dive is illustrated. The method 110 is performed while the diver is under water. The method 110 can commence with the measurement (112) of depth and time. Once a measurement of depth and time has been made, the measurements are recorded (114). Prior to making another measurement of depth and time, a check is made (116) for any user input. If user input is detected, then the previous or next depth and time measurements are identified (118) as a point of interest.

In addition to identifying points of interest, it is desirable to be able to associate information with a point of interest. One advantageous method of providing inputs to a dive computer 10 is through the use of a microphone, as is described above. Speech commands can be used to control the function of the dive computer and speech can be either recorded or converted to text in order to provide description or annotation to a point of interest. In embodiments where speech can be recorded, the recording of speech can be initiated by the pressing of a button on the keypad 24 or by a voice command recognizable by the dive computer. In one embodiment, the microphone is contained within a full face mask enabling speech to be recorded underwater. In other embodiments, more than one microphone is included so that a diver may record speech using a first microphone and underwater sounds or environmental noise using a second microphone. In embodiments of the dive computer 10 that include a digital camera 32, one or more still images or a series of still images forming a video sequence can be recorded and associated with a point of interest.

Turning now to FIG. 8, a method in accordance with practice of the present invention is illustrated for responding to voice commands. The method 130 includes listening (132) for sound. Once sound is detected, a decision (134) is performed to determine if a "voice spotting" sound has been detected. A "voice spotting" sound is a spoken word such as "computer" that can indicate that a user is preparing to speak a command to a dive computer 10.

If the "voice spotting" sound is detected, then the method involves listening for a command. A dive computer 10 in accordance with practice of the present invention will typically have a library of commands each requiring different responses from the processor 12. If a sound is heard, then a decision (138) is performed to determine whether the sound corresponds to one of the commands recognized by the dive computer 10. If a command is recognized, then a response is made (140) to the command. Once the response is complete, the process 130 returns to listening (132) for sound to await the next command.

The method 130 described above uses a "voice spotting" technique. In other embodiments, "voice spotting" is not required. The speech recognition performed in "voice spotting" and detecting commands can be either discrete or continuous recognition. The speech recognition can also be either speaker dependent or speaker independent. In embodiments where annotation of points of interest can be performed, a speech command can cause the processor to begin digitally recording speech and to associate the recording with a particular point of interest. In other embodiments, other forms of user input can be used to identify a point of interest and to



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commence the digital recording of speech. Alternatively, a command can cause the processor to convert a passage of speech to text using speech recognition techniques and to associate the text with a point of interest that can be identified using speech commands or using an alternative user input technique.

As was observed above, latitude, longitude and time measurements made in accordance with practice of the present invention can be used to estimate the latitude and longitude of a point of interest. The accuracy of this estimate can be effected by currents and the variation in the speed at which the diver traveled during the dive. The accuracy of the estimated latitude and longitude of a point of interest can be improved in accordance with the practice of the present invention by taking measurements of water speed and bearing as is discussed below.

A dive computer **10**" in accordance with the practice of the present invention including an impeller and a compass is illustrated in FIG. 9. The dive computer **10**" is similar to the dive computer **10** illustrated in FIG. 1, but with the addition that an impeller **150** and a compass **152** are connected to the processor via the input/output interface. Impellers are devices that generate signals that can be used to measure the flow rate of a liquid or the water speed of the dive computer. By attaching an impeller equipped dive computer to a diver, the output of the impeller can be used to measure the speed at which the diver is moving through water and the compass can be used to provide signals to the processor indicative of the direction in which the diver is moving.

In one embodiment, a 3000 impeller manufactured by Nielsen-Kellerman of Chester, Pa., in conjunction with a receiver coil connected to a counter that can be used to implement the impeller and a HMC 1055 3-axis magnetic sensor manufactured by Honeywell International of Morristown, N.J., that can be used to implement the compass. In other embodiments other types of flow measurement devices can be used to measure water speed.

A diver equipped with a dive computer in accordance with the present invention is illustrated in FIG. 10A. The dive computer **160** is implemented as two discrete components **162** and **164**. The first component **164** is worn around the wrist of the diver and includes all of the components of the dive computer **10**" illustrated in FIG. 10A except for the impeller and the compass. The impeller and the compass are located in a second component **162** that is fixed to an air tank worn **166** by the diver. In the illustrated embodiment, the two components communicate via a wireless communications link. In other embodiments, the two components can communicate via a wired communications link.

While embodiments shown in FIG. 9 and FIG. 10A include an impeller and a compass, embodiments of the present invention where the parts of the dive computer are distributed between multiple self-contained components need not include an impeller or a compass. In one embodiment, the G.P.S. receiver can be located within a first self-contained component that is attached to the tank, second stage, or thereabouts, and the remaining parts of the dive computer can be located within a second self-contained watch-like component attached to the diver's wrist or other appropriate part of the diver's body. In several embodiments, the dive computer includes multiple self-contained components that are capable of exchanging information and the parts of the dive computer are distributed between the multiple self-contained components.

In one embodiment, the dive computer can be contained in a single self-contained watch-like unit that is attachable to the diver's wrist or another appropriate part of the diver's body. In

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another embodiment, the display, keypad, and microphone can be located in a first self-contained watch-like component attached to the diver's wrist or other appropriate part of the diver's body and remaining parts of the dive computer can be located within a second self-contained component attached to the tank, second stage, or thereabouts. In any of the embodiments which involve the dive computer implemented in separate components, the components can communicate via a wired or wireless communication link. In one embodiment, the wireless communication link is implemented using radio frequency communication. In one embodiment, the wireless communication link is implemented using piezoelectric communication. In another embodiment, the wireless communication link is implemented using magnetic fields.

Returning to embodiments including an impeller and compass, typically a diver is fully extended while swimming and fixing the impeller in a direction parallel to the long axis **168** of the diver as the diver swims provides an accurate measurement of the speed of the diver. In addition, mounting the compass so that the bearing measurement is made along a line parallel to the long axis of the diver also enables an accurate measurement of bearing to be made. In order accurately align the impeller and compass, it is desirable that the impeller and the compass be fixed to maintain a position relative to the body of the diver throughout the dive. Therefore, in the embodiment illustrated in FIG. 10A the impeller and the compass are fixed to the air tank **166** and aligned to be approximately parallel to the long axis **168** of the body of the diver, when the diver is fully extended.

In other embodiments, the impeller and the compass can be fixed to other locations on the body or equipment of a diver. In many embodiments, the compass and impeller are included in a single unit with the other components of the dive computer and the position of the impeller and the compass can be controlled by the diver. A diver can use such a dive computer in accordance with the present invention to take instantaneous current readings, to use instantaneous speed calculations to calculate range based on air time remaining (see discussion below) or for any other application where an instantaneous measurement of speed can be useful. An example of a hose mounted dive computer **10**" including an impeller and a compass is illustrated in FIG. 10B and an example of wrist mountable dive computer **10**" including an impeller and a compass is illustrated in FIG. 10C. In several embodiments, accelerometer are used either in combination with an impeller or as a substitute for an impeller in order to make distance and velocity measurements.

A method of recording data in accordance with an embodiment of the invention is shown in FIG. 11. The method **40**" is similar to the method **40** illustrated in FIG. 2, with the difference that the periodic measurements of depth and time are supplemented with periodic measurements of bearing and water speed.

Assuming there is insignificant current, the measurements obtained using the process illustrated in FIG. 11 provides a complete map of the course taken by a diver. The starting latitude and longitude locations provide the origin of the course and the path followed by the diver can be determined using the water speed, bearing, depth and time information. Factors such as drift current can be accounted for by scaling the course to ensure that it terminates at the location where the diver surfaced, as measured using the G.P.S. receiver. This scaling can be performed by the dive computer or by an external device that manipulates data provided by the dive computer. Drift currents can also be compensated for using measurements made by configurations of accelerometers.

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In one embodiment, the process illustrated in FIG. 11A is used to adjust or scale the course obtained using recorded water speed and bearing measurements in response to the latitude and longitude measurements obtained at the origin and termination of a dive. The process 170 includes defining (172) a planar co-ordinate system at the origin of the dive using the co-ordinates x, y and z, where z represents the depth dimension. Calculating (174) position co-ordinates relative to the origin of the path taken during the dive using the water speed, depth and bearing data. Determining position co-ordinates of the termination point of the dive based on the water speed, depth and bearing data. Determining (178) position co-ordinates of the termination point of the dive based on the G.P.S. receiver measurements of latitude and longitude. Calculating (180) the scaling factors that the x and y co-ordinates of the termination point determined using the water speed, depth and bearing data must be multiplied by in order to obtain the x and y co-ordinates of the termination point determined using the G.P.S. receiver measurements of latitude and longitude. An estimate of the path taken during the dive is then obtained (182) by scaling the x and y co-ordinates of the points in the path determined using the recorded water speed, depth and bearing measurements by the calculated scaling factors. The estimated path can then be output (184) in terms of latitude, longitude and depth by mapping the co-ordinates of the path from the planar co-ordinate system that was defined relative to the origin of the dive to latitude, longitude and depth co-ordinates.

An embodiment of a dive computer in accordance with the present invention that incorporates pressure transducers in order to measure air time remaining is illustrated in FIG. 12. The dive computer 10" includes a pressure transducer 200 that measures air pressure inside an air tank. In one embodiment, the pressure transducer 200 is implemented using a high pressure sensor such as a 18519.A manufactured by Pelagic Pressure Systems of San Leandro, Calif. Air pressure measurements can be converted into air time remaining statistics in accordance with the methods described in U.S. Pat. No. 4,586,136 to Lewis and U.S. Pat. No. 6,543,444 to Lewis, both of which are incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

Knowledge of the water speed of the diver and the change in air time remaining can be used to generate useful information for a diver such as an estimation of the range that a diver can travel with the air remaining in the tanks of the diver. A process for calculating an estimation of range based on the air available to a diver is illustrated in FIG. 13. The process 220 includes recording speed over a predetermined period of time (222) and then calculating the average speed during that period of time (224). Once the average speed has been calculated, the air time remaining is calculated (226). The air time remaining calculation can be used in combination with the average speed calculation to predict the range of the diver at current exertion levels. In other embodiments, the air time remaining can be adjusted to reserve sufficient air to allow the diver to return to the surface from the depth at which the diver is located without significant risk of decompression sickness.

Underwater light levels can be low and consequently visibility can be difficult. Thus, a light can be helpful in illuminating a diver's surroundings and/or reading the dive computer. An embodiment of a dive computer in accordance with the present invention that incorporates a light is illustrated in FIG. 14. The dive computer 10.14 includes a light 230.14, a light sensor 232.14, a global positioning system (GPS) receiver 16.14, a digital camera 32.14, a memory 14.14, an input/output interface 20.14, a keypad 24.14, a display 26.14, a communications port 28.14, a microphone 30.14, a pressure

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transducer 22.14, and a processor 12.14. The processor is connected to the light, light sensor, GPS receiver, memory, and input/output interface. The input/output interface is connected to the keypad, display, communications port, microphone, and pressure transducer. The memory is connected to the digital camera.

In one embodiment, the light can illuminate the dive computer when the diver presses a button on the keypad and/or automatically when the light sensor indicates the need for the light. The light sensor can measure the ambient light underwater. In many embodiments, the light or a backlight illuminates the dive computer display. In several embodiments, the light includes one or more light emitting diodes (LEDs). In other embodiments, the light is configured so that the dive computer can act as a flashlight.

In many embodiments, the processor uses a signal generated by the light sensor to determine whether to activate the light. For instance, if it is dark underwater, the output generated by the light sensor is below a predetermined threshold, therefore, the processor turns the backlight on. If the signal indicates that there is a sufficient level of ambient light, then the processor can respond by keeping the backlight off and preserving the dive computer battery.

During a dive, a diver's attention is often drawn away from the display of his/her dive computer. Therefore, a period of time typically elapses between the display of a warning by a dive computer and the point in time at which the warning is observed by a diver. Examples of warnings that can be generated by a dive computer include air time remaining falling below a predetermined threshold and/or a rate of ascension that is incompatible with safe decompression. An embodiment of a dive computer and dive mask with an audio device in accordance with an embodiment of the present invention is illustrated in FIG. 15. The underwater audio system includes a dive computer 10.15, a dive mask 240.15, and a communication channel 244.15. The dive computer comprises a processor 12.15, an input/output interface 20.15, and a communications port 28.15. The dive mask 240.15 includes an audio device 242.15. The communication channel 244.15 is connected to the communications port 28.15 of the dive computer 10.15 and the audio device 242.15 within the dive mask 240.15. The input/output interface 20.15 is connected to the processor 12.15 and the communications port 28.15.

In operation, the dive computer can play audio content or sound a warning on the audio device via the communications channel. In one embodiment, the audio device can be connected to the communications port by a wire. In many embodiments, the audio device can be connected to the communications port wirelessly. In one embodiment, wireless communication can be achieved using a communication system that complies with the Bluetooth, or IEEE 802.15.1, standard. In another embodiment, wireless communication can be achieved using one or more piezoelectric devices. In yet another embodiment, the wireless communication link can be implemented using magnetic fields.

In many embodiments, the user of the dive computer can specify which warnings will be sent to the audio device by programming the dive computer. In many embodiments, the audio device can be a pair of speakers that are placed in close proximity to the users' ears within the diving mask, or earphones. In another embodiment, the audio device can be a single speaker. In several embodiments, the speakers can be located in proximity to the user's ears while outside of the diving mask. In many embodiments, the dive computer can alert the diver about low air supply, decompression requirements, or any other type of warning using the audio device. The processor can receive signals from sensors indicating

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tank air pressure, water pressure, time elapsed, temperature or other sensor measurements. The processor can use the received signals to determine which warnings to present to the diver. One set of warnings can be presented to the diver by default. Another set of warnings can be presented after the dive computer is programmed by the diver.

Warning indicators can also be provided to a diver visually. An embodiment of a dive computer and dive mask with a visual device in accordance with the present invention is illustrated in FIG. 16. The underwater multimedia system includes a dive computer 10.16, a dive mask 240.16, and a communications channel 244.16. The dive computer comprises a processor 12.16, an input/output interface 20.16, and a communications port 28.16. The dive mask 240.16 includes a visual device 250.16. The communication channel 244.16 is connected to the communications port 28.16 of the dive computer 10.16 and the visual device 250.16 within the dive mask 240.16. The input/output interface 20.16 is connected to the processor 12.16 and the communications port 28.16.

In operation, the dive computer can activate visual warnings on the visual device via the communications channel. In one embodiment, the visual device can be connected to the communication port by a wire. In many embodiments, the visual device can be connected to the communication port wirelessly. In one embodiment, wireless communication can be achieved using a communication system that complies with the Bluetooth, or IEEE 802.15.1, standard. In another embodiment, wireless communication can be achieved using one or more piezoelectric devices. In several embodiments, the user of the dive computer can specify which warnings will be sent to the visual device by programming the dive computer. In many embodiments, the visual device can include LEDs that are visually noticeable by the diver. In other embodiments, the visual device can be any visual indicator capable of catching the attention of the diver when activated. In many embodiments, the dive computer can alert the diver about low air supply, decompression requirements, or any other warning using the visual device.

Divers often remain at certain depths for relatively long periods of time for reasons related to decompression. As a diver is waiting, the diver may pass the time by listening to music or watching video stored on the dive computer. A dive computer with a display in accordance with an embodiment of the present invention is illustrated in FIG. 1. The dive computer 10 comprises a processor 12, a memory 14, an input/output interface 20 and a display 26, among the other items discussed with FIG. 1 above. The processor is connected to the memory and the input/output device. The input/output device is connected to the display.

In operation, the dive computer can play video content by request of the diver. In many embodiments, the memory can be loaded with audio and/or video content. The diver can direct the dive computer to play video content using the keypad. The dive computer can respond by showing the stored video on the display. The diver can also listen to the audio content associated with the video content using earphones (see discussion above). In many embodiments, the video is stored in a portion of the memory 14 that is implemented using FLASH memory and/or a hard disk drive. In several embodiments, the video is encoded in a compressed format that includes information enabling synchronization of the video with an accompanying audio track. In one embodiment, the processor is configured with software to decode the audio and/or video. In other embodiments, the video and/or audio is decoded using a decoder that is implemented in hardware.

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In several embodiments, the dive computer is configured to enable a user to upload or download video or audio content to the memory. In one embodiment, content can be loaded externally on a removable memory device. The removable memory device can then be connected to the dive computer and the content accessed by a diver. In one embodiment, the memory capacity can be large enough to accommodate more than three hours of video content. Three hours of capacity can allow for storage of a movie, television show, or collection of music. In other embodiments, the memory capacity can be large enough to suit whatever storage requirements a diver might have.

In a number of embodiments, the video is stored in a format that includes information restricting access to the video and the processor 12 is configured to decode the video in accordance with digital rights granted with respect to the video. A group of embodiments store information indicative of digital rights in the memory 14. In a number of embodiments, the digital rights are stored in an encrypted form.

A user can also direct the dive computer to play audio content using the keypad. In many embodiments, the audio content is digital music. In several embodiments, the audio content is stored in a compressed format. In a number of embodiments, the audio is stored in a format that includes information restricting access to the audio, and the processor 12 is configured to decode the audio in accordance with digital rights granted with respect to the audio. A group of embodiments store information indicative of digital rights in the memory 14. In a number of embodiments, the digital rights are stored in an encrypted form.

Often long decompression stops are required at multiple depths leaving a diver to wait underwater for hours. As such, submerged divers often have a desire to communicate with people or computers on the surface. FIG. 17 is a side view of a submerged diver equipped with a dive computer configured to communicate with a communication device at the surface in accordance with an embodiment of the present invention. The communication system includes a dive computer 10.17, a communication cable 252, and a communication device 250 located above the surface of the water. The communication cable 252 includes a light 254, a weight 256, an underwater connector 258 and a second connector (not shown) capable of being connected to a computer or other communication device above the surface. The dive computer 10.17 includes a keyboard (not shown), a communication port (not shown) capable of being connected with the underwater connector 258, and a microphone (not shown) or other communication equipment allowing the diver or dive computer the ability to communicate with a person or a communication device at the surface.

The communication cable 252 can include multiple conductors. These conductors can include serial communication conductors, power and ground. The number of and gauge of serial communication conductors can be selected to support various physical layer protocols such as RS-232, RS-422, RS-485 or other suitable serial communication system protocols. In other embodiments, parallel communication can be used over a plurality of communication conductors. In one embodiment, one or more serial communication conductors are fiber optic cables. In one embodiment, the multiple conductors carry parallel data.

In operation, the communication system allows the diver to recharge her dive computer, talk or exchange messages with people at the surface, download information, and/or minimize decompression stop time. Having power available on the communication cable 250 allows the diver to recharge her dive computer battery and provides a stable power source in



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the event the dive computer battery is exhausted. This can prove useful in emergency situations where the dive computer battery is dead and the diver needs to know how to execute her decompression stops.

The power can be supplied at a level appropriate to support the light, one or more dive computers and communication from the dive computers to communication devices at the surface. The weight **256** ensures maximum depth of the lower end of the communication cable when it is lowered into the water. The light **254** provides a beacon for the diver to find the communication cable in the event that she has not already connected her dive computer to the communication cable. In one embodiment, the light **254** can be any number of colors suitable to get the diver's attention in a dark underwater environment. In another embodiment, the light **254** can be a flashing light to further attract a diver's attention to the communication cable. In other embodiments, other types of beacons can be used such as sonar or magnetic beacons. In one embodiment, the communication cable does not include power. In such case, the light **254** can be powered by a battery.

The diver can also use the microphone, keyboard or other input device attached to her dive computer to communicate with people via the communication device **250** at the surface. In the illustrated embodiment, the communication device at the surface is a computer. In this case, the communication can be achieved using two-way audio, text messages or some other communication method. Using the keyboard, microphone or other input device, the diver can send details about her dive to people at the surface. In one embodiment, the diver instructs the dive computer to send data concerning her recent dive (dive log) to the surface. In this case, the information may be processed and analyzed at the surface before the diver returns to the surface. In one embodiment, the diver discusses events or issues related to the dive with medical or dive support personnel at the surface. In this case, the diver can engage in the discussion using the two-way audio communication or by exchanging text messages. Audio communication over the communication cable can be implemented either by transmission of the analog audio or transmission of a digital representation of the audio using methods known to one skilled in the art.

The computer at the surface can use the dive log information to calculate the duration and depth of any required decompression stops. In this case, the surface computer can be more powerful or have more information than the dive computer carried by the diver allowing it to make a more precise calculation of the required decompression stops. This calculation by the surface computer can be relayed to the dive computer below. In this way, the calculation made possible by the communication system can save the diver from waiting at decompression stops for more time than necessary. Correspondingly, the surface calculation can ensure that the diver stays at her decompression stops for at least the required decompression time.

In one embodiment, the dive computer downloads audio content from the surface computer. In this way, the diver can listen to music, news or other audio content while underwater. More specifically, the diver can access this content while ascending or making a decompression stop. In another embodiment, the dive computer downloads video content or receives a video stream and/or audio stream from the surface computer. In this way the diver can watch a movie, television or other audiovisual content while underwater. More specifically, the diver can access this content while ascending or making a decompression stop.

A flow chart illustrating a method of communication between a dive computer and a communication device at the surface in accordance with an embodiment of the invention is shown in FIG. **18**. The process first stores (**260**) information indicative of the depth of submersion and the time elapsed

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during submersion. Once such information is stored, the process sends (**262**) the information indicative of the depth of submersion and the time elapsed during submersion to a communication device via a cable including an underwater connector. Once the information is sent to the communication device, the process receives (**264**) information indicative of required decompression stops, where the information indicative of required decompression stops is calculated by the communication device based on the information indicative of depth of submersion and time elapsed during submersion.

A flow chart illustrating a method of communication for a dive computer in accordance with an embodiment of the invention is shown in FIG. **19**. The process first measures (**270**) the depth of submersion and measures (**272**) the time elapsed during submersion. Once the values are measured, the process stores (**274**) information including the depth of submersion and the time elapsed during submersion. Once the values are stored, the process sends (**276**) a request for media content. Once the request is sent, the process receives (**278**) media content. Once received, the process presents (**280**) the media content to a diver.

Another dive computer in accordance with an embodiment of the invention is shown in FIG. **20**. The dive computer **10.20** is similar to the dive computer **10** shown in FIG. **1** with the exception that the dive computer **10.20** includes a microphone **30**, speaker **300** and telephone transceiver system **302** that enable the dive computer to act as a telephone handset. In the illustrated embodiment, the microphone **30** and speaker **300** are connected to the processor **12** via an I/O interface **20** and the telephone transceiver system **302** is directly connected to the processor **12**. In other embodiments, other configurations of microphones, speakers, telephone transceiver systems and processors are contemplated that enable the dive computer to be used to make telephone calls via a predetermined telephone network. In a number of embodiments, the dive computer communicates via a cell phone network such as a D-AMPS, CDMA2000 and/or a GSM network. In other embodiments, the dive computer is configured to communicate via a satellite telephone network and/or make emergency calls via any of a number of different communication technologies including a satellite telephone network. In several embodiments, the emergency call includes a digital message containing the device's current GPS coordinates. In many embodiments, the dive computer acts as an emergency beacon broadcasting its GPS coordinates on an emergency channel. The circuitry of a dive computer in accordance with an embodiment of the invention can be configured in a manner appropriate to the network over which the dive computer can communicate and other circuitry incorporated into the dive computer to enable additional functionality. Examples of such additional circuitry are described above. In many embodiments, the dive computer includes a keypad enabling the transmission of text messages and email communications from the dive computer via the telephone network. In a number of embodiments, the dive computer includes a display and the dive computer is configured to display digital information such as web pages, games, email and other digital information received via the telephone network to which the dive computer can connect in addition to information typically associated with a dive computer. In several embodiments, the information received via the telephone network can be stored on the dive computer. Examples of such information can include audio files containing music and multimedia files containing audiovisual presentations.

A dive computer in accordance with embodiments of the invention can be implemented using a standard mobile phone handset as the basic platform. Smart phones such as the 3G iPhone manufacture by Apple Inc. of Cupertino, Calif. include a microprocessor, an operating system, a telephone transceiver, a GPS receiver, an external connector, and the

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ability to download applications to the mobile phone handset. When a pressure transducer is connected to the smart phone, a software application installed on the smart phone can perform all of the basic functions of a dive computer. In addition, the software application can generate a dive log tying in information captured using the pressure transducer with information captured by components of the mobile phone handset, such as GPS coordinates acquired using the GPS receiver, accelerometer information for performing dead reckoning, images from a camera, and/or audio recordings. The data capabilities of the mobile phone handset also enable the software application to download information concerning the dive site and upload information captured during the dive, such as a dive log, to a remote server. The multimedia capabilities of the mobile handset also enable the dive computer assembly to act as a media player. During sustained decompression stops, the media player capabilities of the mobile phone handset can be utilized to view video or listen to audio while the dive computer application is executing in the background to monitor decompression time. In many embodiments, the dive computer application is configured to interrupt the media player with alerts and/or to notify the diver of the completion of a decompression stop. In order for the mobile phone handset to survive in an underwater environment, the mobile phone handset and the pressure transducer are typically contained within a waterproof housing. Examples of suitable waterproof housings are described in U.S. Pat. No. 6,396,769 to Polani, and U.S. Patent Publication 2007/0086273 to Polani et al., the disclosure of which is incorporated by reference herein in its entirety. In many embodiments, a combination of external sensors and communication devices are connected to the mobile phone handset including communication devices that enable wireless communication with other sensors. In a number of embodiments, information is collected from a pressure transducer connected to a diver's air tank and the information is used to perform realtime remaining calculations.

Although the foregoing embodiments are disclosed as typical, it will be understood that additional variations, substitutions and modifications can be made to the system, as disclosed, without departing from the scope of the invention. For example, embodiments of the invention can have G.P.S. receivers adapted to be submerged in water that are not connected to the processor. These embodiments log latitude, longitude and time information using the G.P.S. receiver and separately log depth and time information using a dive computer. The latitude, longitude and time information from the G.P.S. receiver and the depth and time information from the dive computer can be downloaded to the dive computer or another computer and the methods described above can be used to determine position. In addition, dive computers in accordance with the present invention can perform functions performed by conventional dive computers such as providing divers with information concerning decompression limits or the amount of air remaining in a tank, however, it is not a limitation of the invention that the dive computer perform these functions or other functions typically associated with conventional dive computers. Other functions can also be performed by the dive computer that are not traditionally associated with dive computers such as functions normally attributed to personal digital assistants (P.D.A.s) or other more powerful computing devices. In addition, dive computers in accordance with the present invention may consist of a conventional dive computer and a microphone and/or a digital camera and do not require the inclusion of a G.P.S. receiver. Other embodiments of dive computers in accordance with the present invention may also combine several of the features described above such as a buoy including a G.P.S. antenna, a compass and an impeller. In one embodiment, the dive computer has a light powered by a solar cell. In a similar embodi-

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ment, the dive computer has batteries that are recharged using a solar cell. In exemplary embodiments, the intensity of the dive computer backlight can be adjusted by the diver. In one embodiment, the audio warning can be a high pitched chirping sound. In another embodiment, the audio warning can be a constant high pitched sound. In one embodiment, the video warning can be a powerful repeating flash. In one embodiment, the dive computer can be configured to operate in conjunction with online video and audio content providers. In one embodiment, the dive computer can also include a receiver configured to receive emergency broadcasts. In several embodiments, the playback of audio and video content or activation of the backlight can be initiated using speech recognition and voice commands. Thus the present invention has been described by way of illustration and not limitation.

What is claimed is:

1. A dive computer, comprising:

a microprocessor;

a pressure transducer connected to the microprocessor;

a microphone connected to the microprocessor;

a speaker connected to the microprocessor;

a telephone transceiver connected to the microprocessor; and

a display;

wherein the microprocessor, pressure transducer and display are configured to display information concerning the dive computer's depth of submersion; and

wherein the microprocessor, microphone, speaker and telephone transceiver are configured to enable the dive computer to be used as a telephone handset.

2. The dive computer of claim 1, further comprising:

a keypad connected to the microprocessor;

wherein the microprocessor, telephone transceiver and keypad are configured to enable the entry of text messages for transmission via the telephone transceiver.

3. The dive computer of claim 1, wherein the telephone transceiver is a cell phone transceiver.

4. The dive computer of claim 1, wherein the telephone transceiver is a satellite phone transceiver.

5. The dive computer of claim 1, further comprising:

a GPS receiver connected to the microprocessor; and

wherein the microprocessor is configured to obtain GPS coordinates from the GPS receiver.

6. The dive computer of claim 5, wherein the microprocessor is configured to transmit a message containing the GPS coordinates via the telephone transceiver.

7. The dive computer of claim 5, wherein:

the microprocessor, the microphone, the speaker, the telephone transceiver, the display, and the GPS receiver are components of a mobile phone handset including an external connector for communicating with external devices;

the pressure transducer is packaged separately from the mobile phone handset and the pressure transducer packaging includes a connector configured to mate with the external connector of the mobile phone handset creating a connection between the pressure transducer and the microprocessor;

the mobile phone handset and the pressure transducer are contained within a waterproof housing; and

a software application installed on the mobile phone handset configures the microprocessor to record information concerning the dive computer's depth and time of submersion in a dive log.

8. The device of claim 7, wherein the software application configures the mobile handset to upload the dive log to a remote server via the telephone transceiver.

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**Note:** In land condemnation cases, use the location of the tract of land involved.

X. SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY (OR PRO PER):  Date 11/7/2012

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**Key to Statistical codes relating to Social Security Cases:**

Nature of Suit Code	Abbreviation	Substantive Statement of Cause of Action
861	HIA	All claims for health insurance benefits (Medicare) under Title 18, Part A, of the Social Security Act, as amended. Also, include claims by hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, etc., for certification as providers of services under the program. (42 U.S.C. 1935FF(b))
862	BL	All claims for "Black Lung" benefits under Title 4, Part B, of the Federal Coal Mine Health and Safety Act of 1969. (30 U.S.C. 923)
863	DIWC	All claims filed by insured workers for disability insurance benefits under Title 2 of the Social Security Act, as amended; plus all claims filed for child's insurance benefits based on disability. (42 U.S.C. 405(g))
863	DIWW	All claims filed for widows or widowers insurance benefits based on disability under Title 2 of the Social Security Act, as amended. (42 U.S.C. 405(g))
864	SSID	All claims for supplemental security income payments based upon disability filed under Title 16 of the Social Security Act, as amended.
865	RSI	All claims for retirement (old age) and survivors benefits under Title 2 of the Social Security Act, as amended. (42 U.S.C. (g))