

conical/nun/ogival: the upper part of the body above the water-line, or the greater part of the super-structure, has approximately the shape or the appearance of a pointed cone with the point upwards.

can/cylindrical: the upper part of the body above the water-line, or the greater part of the superstructure, has the shape of a cylinder, or a truncated cone that approximates to a cylinder, with a flat end uppermost.

spherical: the upper part of the body above the water-line, or the greater part of the superstructure, has the shape of a part of a sphere.

pillar: the upper part of the body above the water-line, or the greater part of the superstructure is a narrow vertical structure, pillar or lattice tower.

spar/spindle: the upper part of the body above the water-line, or the greater part of the superstructure, has the form of a pole, or of a very long cylinder, floating upright.

barrel: the upper part of the body above the water-line, or the greater part of the superstructure, has the form of a barrel or cylinder floating horizontally.

super-buoy: a very large buoy, generally more than 5m in diameter.

ice buoy: a specially constructed shuttle shaped buoy which is used in ice conditions.