

Waterproof, floating mobile phone

Having recently ruined a mobile phone by getting it soaked in sea water I decided to look after my new one better. However, being an incurable cheap-skate I didn't want to buy one of those purpose made waterproof, floating bags you can get from chandlers.

- Take a large, food freezer bag preferably with handle holes (these are usually thicker than sandwich bags for example)
- Drop your mobile phone into it
- Add a few ping-pong balls (or balls salvaged from used roll-on deodorants as I do).
- Include an 'if found, please return to' note with your contact details if you wish. Well, you never know!
- Tightly twist the bag and seal it with tape, elastic bands or a strong clothes peg (make sure the balls and note are on the back face of your phone).
- DO NOT cut off the excess bag. This and the handle holes will give you some chance of recovering the whole lot with a boat hook if it goes overboard.



The phone still works fine and you can hear and be heard through the plastic bag. Obviously, you will not be able to use any camera features your phone may have or hard-wired head-set.

Use a new, un-punctured bag every time you follow this tip.

You will have to experiment to find the correct level of buoyancy but this idea does work. That is my phone happily floating in a washing up bowl (filled with less-buoyant tap water) waiting to be rescued with a boat hook.

You could use this 'buoyancy bag' to protect almost any small, inanimate object.

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