

# Rogue Submarine Newsletter

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Rogue Readers,

Welcome to the 8th Rogue Submarine Newsletter! I appreciate your interest in the stories I write for you, and I hope to keep you entertained for many years.

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## **1. Audio Books Update**

There's a rare treat in this volume—two audio books!

[Paul Christy](#) finished his narration of *Rogue Defender*, which hit the stores a month ago. And he just finished *Rogue Enforcer*, which will be available an day now on [Audible](#), [Amazon](#), iTunes.

For the record, he figured out how to pronounce “Junta” without my help. I would have botched that up, given my zero formal Spanish training. I'm also impressed that he can balance French, Argentinian Spanish, British English, and Mandarin accents in one book. Paul has hit his stride with the Rogue Submarine series. Stay tuned as we keep rolling out the series.

## **2. Employed!**

Good news: I found work!

Bad news: I need to work!

The bad news stems from a horrible addiction to a salary that I've developed over decades. I'm not retired and/or living off writing yet, but I'm trying very hard to find a way to live salary-free. A short cut to rid myself of this addiction is to convince my wife to live in a shack and/or RV. Does anyone want to lobby for that on my behalf? Anyone? Anyone? Bueller? Never mind.

I'm doing a contract job at Chrysler as an individual contributor. Said differently, I'm happy to be out of management. Said differently again, this is my first “not stuck in management because that's all I could do as an ex-Navy officer with an MBA” job. After 10 weeks, I like it. While many people try to increase their job scope over time, I've decided to decrease it starting this year. Shrink, shrink, shrink. Quietly take a salary until I no longer need one. For my sanity.

So far, it's working.

### **3. Naval technology update – Israeli Navy**

The Israeli Navy loves its submariners. The order of battle says it all. Here's a quick summary.

- Three *Sa'ar 5*-class corvettes armed with water balloons, popguns, and Nerf grenades
- Three good submarines and three better submarines of the *Dolphin* class.

Questions?

Well, okay. I exaggerated on the weak guns of the surface fleet. They have a good chunk of missile boats (*Sa'ar 4* and *Sa'ar 4.5*), and the true armaments are a bit more powerful than the less-than-lethal options I listed above.

Each corvette has modest anti-air and anti-submarine sensors and weapons, but it's the Harpoon missiles that make them deadly against surface combatants of any size. The reason I ridiculed them is because they have no cannons.

There's something romantic about cannons. That statement sounds weird as I reread it, but you Rogue Readers know what I'm talking about, right? If you know what I mean, you know. If you have to ask, you'll never know. Am I making sense here? A surface combatant's primary gun can't be a close-in-weapon system. It ruins the effect of an [otherwise impressive ship](#).

As for the submarines, the three newer *Dolphin*-class boats include air-independent-propulsion. They're the largest submarines to have been built in Germany since World War II and are the most expensive vehicles in the Israel Defense Forces. They just look good [on paper](#).

### **4. Rogue Invader**

Book #9, *Rogue Invader*, was published in January. The premise is that powerbrokers in Europe have had enough of Greece and have hired the Rogue Submarine gang to pressure a fictional (?) corruptly-led and failed economy out of the European Union.

I tried launching with a promo Kindle price of \$0.99 in conjunction with requests for reviews. I would have given away copies to loyal Rogue Readers in exchange for reviews except that Amazon frowns upon that by hiding reviews that aren't "verified purchases". So the promo cheap price is the working recipe for now. It worked well giving *Rogue Invader* a solid launch. Will repeat with *Rogue Justice*.

### **5. Rogue Justice**

I'm about 60% through #10, *Rogue Justice*, which involves the Renard Gang picking one side of an Israeli civil war/conflict. The dolphins will be involved, and there might even be a love story!

That's enough for one newsletter. Thank you for reading!

John