

# Rogue Submarine Newsletter

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Rogue Readers,

Welcome to the 10th Rogue Submarine Newsletter!

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## **1. Audio Books Update**

[Paul Christy](#) finished [Rogue Fortress](#), which is available on Audible, iTunes, etc. We're about half way done with *Rogue Goliath*.

## **2. Rogue Justice**

Book #10, *Rogue Justice*, became a best seller thanks in large part to your support. Thank you all for buying and/or reviewing it.

The premise is that the Renard Gang picks one side of an Israeli civil war/conflict. The dolphins are involved, and there's even a love story.

## **3. Iranian Navy – and why you should care**

When I taught naval tactics twenty years ago (ouch, I'm old), Iran was the new kid on the block buying Russian-made *Kilo*-class submarines. Fast forward to 2017, and the Iranians are building their own fleet. I can't attest to the capabilities of their wares, but their approach appears smart in starting small and building bigger hulls after testing their smaller ships.

They started small with their surface vessels, building their version of French *La Combattante* missile boats in the early 2000s, followed by the *Moje*-class "destroyer", which is really a frigate or a corvette at 1,500 tons. They're building a 2,000-ton frigate and a 7,500-ton true destroyer.

With their submarines, they built twenty-one 120-ton midget submarines between 2012-2017, then a couple 600-ton boats, and then a 1200-ton boat. I suspect the midget submarines, which have two torpedo tubes, are weak against frontline submarines but a threat to surface vessels. The sheer number is impressive, as is the size of the latest boat they're building.

Iran claims to be building a nuclear submarine. I'd say this is a long way off since local defense is their navy's primary goal.

Why is this important? Well, location, location, location. Iran's coastline marks the northern side of the Strait of Hormuz, through which passes 20% of the world's oil.

And, more importantly, the Iranian Navy will matter for *Rogue Kingdom*!

#### **4. Rogue Kingdom**

I decided to add a flair of drama to *Rogue Kingdom*. While keeping the pace and the action you expect, I'm hiding the identity and mission of the bad guys at the beginning and revealing clues as the story unfolds. If it doesn't work out, I'll scrap the idea, but I'm 30% done with the manuscript and liking it.

As hinted in the section above, Iran will be a player in *Rogue Kingdom*. The action takes place around the Arabian Peninsula, and it happens within weeks after the *Rogue Justice* mission, creating the smallest temporal gap between stories.

#### **5. Spoiler alert – sort of**

In addition to slowly revealing the identity of the bad guys in *Rogue Kingdom*, I'm breaking from my "groove" and adding a twist to the gang's mission. What could it be?

Well, I'm not going to spoil it for you!

John