

Rogue Submarine Newsletter

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1. Free Stuff (continued)

Free coupons for Audible audiobooks are [here](#). Email me if it doesn't work.

2. Audio Books Update

[Paul Christy](#) finished *Rogue Justice*, which is available. We're half way through Kingdom.

3. Rogue Liberator

It should be ready for you within days, even hours. It will embrace the basics you've enjoyed throughout the series... adversaries battling with ships, robots, and dolphins.

I'll be going deeper into Iran in Rogue L, and I'll be exploring the US *Virginia*-class submarine and the use of Unmanned Undersea Vehicles.

As a member of this mail list, you'll get advanced warning of *Rogue Liberator*. It will be available for a short time at \$0.99. I mean short! Days, even hours... so watch for it!

4. More Box Sets

After *Rogue Liberator* is published, I'll release the box set for Books 10-12. I'll also release the mega box set of Books 1-12. That's the whole series, discounted.

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Each box set saves \$2 versus buying its three books individually. Kindle Unlimited subscribers can borrow the set of 3 books while using only 1 of your 10 borrowing slots.

5. Iran submarine (*Ghadir*-class) Update

First off... Congratulations to the USS *Indiana*, SSN-789. The latest *Virginia*-class submarine joined the fleet yesterday.

To get ready for *Rogue Liberator*, let's review the backbone of the Iranian fleet.

There's not much published on the *Ghadir*-class. It's small. It has two torpedo tubes with no reloads. It's called a coastal submarine, a littoral submarine, or even a midget submarine. Who's afraid of a midget submarine? Seriously.

My assumption is that we all should be. That is, any of us who use crude oil. Twenty percent of all crude passes through the Strait of Hormuz, and there are twenty-one of these submarines patrolling the waters.

Let's scale that.

Strait of Hormuz minimum width = 21 nautical miles. It's small enough that Iran uses a guerilla riverine force to patrol the Persian Gulf (west) side of it. That's the force that captured American small boats in 2016. Iran's real navy only has to patrol the Gulf of Oman (east) side of the strait. This is where undersea warfare is crucial.

If all naval warfare were magically returned to the surface, I'd pity twenty-one small boats against one *Burke*-class destroyer in combat. A few Harpoon missiles, some Standard missiles in slam mode, five-inch shells... no match. But there is no such magic, since the Iranians have figured out how to operate under the sea.

Instead, envision one *Virginia*-class submarine against twenty-one *Ghadirs*. The *Ghadirs* can shut down all moving parts, drift, and listen, which forces the *Virginia* to take the risk of moving, repositioning, and searching among a swarm. By the way, Iran has about another ten boats on top of the *Ghadirs*, including three old but credible *Kilos*. To be honest, this is concerns me.

When I left the navy twenty years ago, there were no submerged tactics for fighting one against twenty, or even one against ten, or five. But now the Iranians have homefield advantage with thirty submarines that stay deployed for weeks and months. They're a strong regional economy that's building submarines and recruiting talent to their fleet. Check out this [video](#). It's all in Farsi, but it's basically a recruiting film. They look like professionals to me.

6. John Recommends

As a rule, I'll only recommend books I've read cover to cover.

I recommend a military thriller by Kevin Miller. His latest book, [Fight Fight](#), is excellent. It's a comprehensive treatment of what could happen in a China-versus-USA campaign.

Thanks for reading! - John