

# The Way Forward...

Hey Sailor,

This issue happens to be a very special one for all of us at Sailor Today. I am aware that some of you have been reading this magazine right from its first issue – who according to me are people who can feel the adrenalin rush happening within me right now when I share this piece!

*Many congratulations readers!! You have been associated with us for a wonderful 20 years and trust us; it was nothing less than great.*

Though I have been a part of the Sailor Today family only for the past 2 years, I can feel the ecstasy that has accumulated in these 20 years. Thanks to your continued support in myriad

to 32 knots in the past 20 years; I am sure you guys won't chuckle if I say that *the speed of ships would match that of the airplanes in the next 20 years!* I am sure some shipbuilding company would like to answer this question of mine as to *what would the next biggest ship look like?*

The world of imagination has set its reigns. I am sure we all have watched this movie – LEAGUE OF EXTRAORDINARY GENTLEMEN. Yea, we did see a submarine there, sleek as a wall – cutting through its sharp edges against the underwater currents... while moving at a jet speed! Veteran actor Naseeruddin Shah was the Captain of this



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*wish to live a wealthy and healthy life in the future.*

While we are discussing this, I don't know how many Maritime schools across the globe are being set up that promise the supply of quality manpower to support the leap in technology and sustain cut throat competition. *If you call today's competition tough, what would it be in the next 20 years?* I don't want to answer that – I want you to tell me about it.

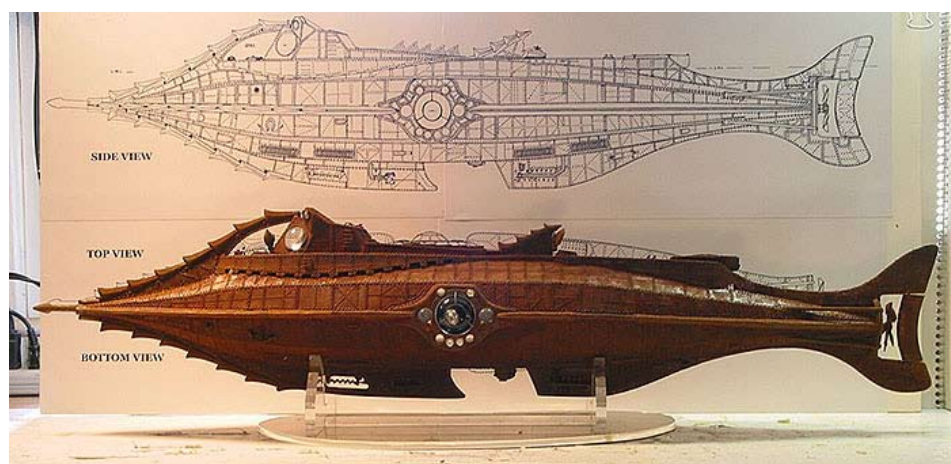
The way forward looks absolutely delightful sitting at this soft couch, penning down imaginations – that's right, IMAGINATIONS. As they say, every wonder was always an imagination, a dream first – just the way Sailor Today was... Humble beginnings capitulated in for major breakthroughs and here we are celebrating 20 years of what was once – just a thought in mind!

Well, I have done my job – *I have penned down my dream for the next 20 years on Merchant Navy.* Let's do it – something that would remain etched in our minds forever. May the future years be extremely fruitful for more innovations and developments that would contribute to change the face of shipping for centuries to come...

*Write to us, what you think the future holds for you, me and the million others who in some miniscule way may be related to Merchant Navy.*

**Cheers to our dreams for the time yet to beacon...**

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**The Nautilus – The submarine design that appeared in the League of Extraordinary Gentlemen**

forms, this issue has given us the opportunity to express just that.

Considering the way Merchant Navy has evolved over these 20 years, while promising the full circle would never be complete because we are going to keep chasing the limits of the sky above and ocean below, we have crossed milestones... Talk of technology, the trade charts, the shipbuilding calendar, the seafarer per se or for that matter even the freight rates! There is a sea change in all these in the past 2 decades. But what gets me going wild is the extent of development we can achieve at this pace, **in the 20 years that are yet to come.**

The ship's speed has increased from 4 knots

fictitious movie... *who would it be in real life – if at all such a ship comes to life in the next 20 years?*

With Merchant Navy already taking care of 90% of world trade, *what would the dependency rate be with mammoth leaps in technology in the next 20 years?* Who would like to answer this – would the freight rates increase or decrease? With quite an expected answer for that *you can sure imagine the amount in your pay cheques with an industry that is already known to pay high and with every decade promising an addition of a zero irrespective of the industry you are in, guys – Merchant Navy is your ticket for today if you*