



Submarines, Space (X) and Star Trek: same story?

ABSTRACT

At first glance, there is nothing sexy in a submarine...

It is a black (most often) steel vehicle.

Looking old fashioned when nowadays design matters (most?).

Slow in an era of speed at all cost.

No window to look outside and enjoy the light...? Oops, sorry, there is so little light at 300m that you won't see anything. Anyway, there is not even much to see at these depths!

Let's be honest: if you ask anybody, even an educated engineering student, if she/he would prefer to work on, say: Joint Strike Fighter, a mission to Mars or a submarine. How many do you seriously expect to say "A submarine of course!?" and you would probably be right.

What so few of us do realize though, is how close and connected submarines are to space explorations, star ships, and yes, even Star Trek stories.

Let me take you on the journey of submarine engineering full of stories that you will compare with what you think you know.

Please allow me to try to surprise you, or even catch your interest.

Some may say, let me try to show you the beauty of the Dark Side of naval architecture: submarines...

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