

**Titanic tour CEO didn't hire
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The [OceanGate CEO who was killed in a 22-foot submersible](#) on an ill-fated voyage to see the Titanic wreck once explained how he didn't hire "50-year-old white guys" with military experience to captain his vessels because they weren't "inspirational."

Stockton Rush, 61, added that such expertise was unnecessary because "anybody can drive the sub" with a \$30 video game controller.

"When I started the business, one of the things you'll find,

there are other sub-operators out there, but they typically have, uh, gentlemen who are ex-military submariners, and they – you’ll see a whole bunch of 50-year-old white guys,” Rush [told Teledyne Marine](#) in a newly resurfaced undated Zoom interview.

“I wanted our team to be younger, to be inspirational and I’m not going to inspire a 16-year-old to go pursue marine technology, but a 25-year-old, uh, you know, who’s a sub pilot or a platform operator or one of our techs can be inspirational,” he continued...

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