CONSEIL

Where are we?

CAPTAIN NEMO

Well, I could just tell you... but it's so much more fun to sing!

SONG: WELCOME ABOARD

CAPTAIN NEMO

(Sung)
Welcome aboard my humble ship
I'll take you on an undersea trip
On the greatest invention you've ever seen

ALL SAILORS

(Sung)
This is Captain Nemo and his submarine!

(Sung)
It's got style!

ALL SAILORS

(Sung)
Got style! Lots of style!

CAPTAIN NEMO

(Sung)
It's got class!

ALL SAILORS

(Sung)
Ooh, wow! Look at all that class.

CAPTAIN NEMO

(Sung)
It's got charm!

ALL SAILORS

(Sung)
Got loads and loads of charm.

CAPTAIN NEMO

(Sung)
And I'll sink your ship if you do the ocean harm!

ALL SAILORS

(Sung)
We are the captains crew
We do whatever he tells us to
We sail around the seven seas...
CAPTAIN NEMO  
(Sung)  
And I do darn well whatever I please!  
I'm not crazy!!!

ALL SAILORS  
(Sung)  
He claims he's not crazy...

CAPTAIN NEMO  
(Sung)  
I'm not mad!!!

ALL SAILORS  
(Sung)  
Well maybe just little bit mad...

CAPTAIN NEMO  
(Sung)  
I'm not evil!!!

ALL SAILORS  
(Sung)  
Just stay off his naughty list!

CAPTAIN NEMO  
(Sung)  
I crush polluters' boats with my iron fist!  
Now let's dance!

Dance break

CAPTAIN NEMO  
(Sung)  
Hey! There! Look at this!  
It's the sort of thing you don't wanna miss!  
It's the greatest boat you've ever seen  
This is our submarine!

End song.

CAPTAIN NEMO  
As the song implied, I am the famous Captain Nemo and this  
is my illustrious submarine, the Nautilus!

PROF. ARONNAX  
This is quite a remarkable ship!

CAPTAIN NEMO  
Yes! And I am it's remarkable captain! And this is my...  
somewhat less remarkable crew...
ALL
(All the sailors)

Aye, aye!

NED

So how did we get here?

CAPTAIN NEMO

I will be the one doing the question asking around here!
What were you doing in MY ocean!

Your ocean?

CAPTAIN NEMO

Yes! MY ocean!

NED

Hey, Bub! This is everyone's ocean! And we'll sail in it if we want!

CAPTAIN NEMO

Were you fishing?!?

PROF. ARONNAX

Captain Nemo, we were...

NED

What if we were?

CAPTAIN NEMO

If you were fishing, then you would be my enemy! I HATE fishermen!

NED

What do you have against fishermen, Bub?

CAPTAIN NEMO

The fishes are my friends! I have sworn to protect them! I sail the oceans, looking for anyone who would dare to harm my precious fish!

STREAMY
(Spoken from off-stage)
And he calls that a career!

CAPTAIN NEMO

Darn it! We woke her up!

STREAMY enters. She is a steampunk, female robot. She has all sorts of gears and mechanical parts all over her body. She might occasionally burst a puff of steam from her head when she gets angry.
STEAMY
It's not like being a super-villain is a real job!

NED
What is that?

CAPTAIN NEMO
This is my... uh... first mate... Steamy...

STEAMY
First mate, huh? Is that all I am to you?

CONSEIL
Is that a... robot?

CAPTAIN NEMO
Yes...

STEAMY
His wife-bot, to be exact!

PROF. ARONNAX
Extraordinary!

CONSEIL
Did you make her yourself?

CAPTAIN NEMO
Yes... although there are still a few bugs to work out...

STEAMY
Have you offered our guests a seat yet, or are you just going to make them stand there?

CAPTAIN NEMO
No, dear. I'll do it in a minute.

STEAMY
Yeah, just put it off. That's what you always do! Just like when I ask you about getting a real job instead of sailing around the ocean terrorizing people!

CAPTAIN NEMO
(To CONSEIL)
You see what I mean?

NED
She can talk and everything, huh?

CAPTAIN NEMO
Yes. Sometimes it seems like she never stops.

STEAMY
What's that?
CAPTAIN NEMO

Nothing, dear!
(Whispered to the others)
Save me!

PROF. ARONNAX

So that's what you're doing out here? Attacking ships that harm the sea?

CAPTAIN NEMO

Yes! I love all the creatures in the ocean! Protecting them is my one true passion in life!

SONG: SAVE THE FISHES

CAPTAIN NEMO

(Sung)
I've traveled round the world
And this is what I've seen:
Lots of naughty people
Being very very mean!
They pollute in all the waters
And dirty up the lakes
They make the little creatures sick
And give them all the shakes
That's not how we should treat our friends
The friendly little fishes
I'll tell you all what you can do
To help me save the...
(Thinking)
Fishes!!!
(Spoken)
Rhyming is very hard, you know...
(Sung)
You've got to scrub them
And clean them
And wash their little scales
Pet them
And comb them
And groom their little tails
You've got to love them
And hug them
And give them lots of kisses
Club all the people
And save the fishes!

ALL SAILORS

(Sung)
Club all the people
And save the fishes

Musical vamp
NED
So, I guess you wouldn't like it if I caught one of your fish, huh?

CONSEIL
Ned...

CAPTAIN NEMO
Did you say CATCH a fish?!?

CONSEIL
Ned!

NED
Yeah! I like catching fish! What are you gonna do about it, Bub?

CONSEIL
Uh, Ned! Maybe you shouldn't make the crazy guy with the giant, killer boat angry...

CAPTAIN NEMO
If you were to harm any of MY fishes, then I would sink YOUR boat! And then I would capture you on my submarine! And then...

All the SAILORS gasp

Then!

All the SAILORS gasp again

Then!!!

All the SAILORS gasp yet again

I'd make you mop the floor!

CONSEIL
That's it?

STEAMY
Yeah. Real scary, right?

CAPTAIN NEMO
Well, the floors here are very dirty! The sailors don't wipe their feet at the front hatch or anything!

NED
Well I don't care. I'll catch a fish if I want to! This is my ocean too!

(Sung)
You've gotta hook em
And net em
And take em back to shore
Cook em
And fry em
Then cook a little more

(MORE)
NED (CONT'D)
You've gotta spice em
And salt em
And make em real delicious
Feed all the people
And catch the fishes

ALL SAILORS
(Sung)
Feed all the people
And catch the fishes!

Musical vamp

CAPTAIN NEMO
No! No! No! Don't sing with him!

SAILOR 9
But, the tune Captain! It's just so catchy!

SAILOR 14
We can't help our selves, Captain!

CAPTAIN NEMO
There will be no fish catching on my boat! I love the fishes!

NED
Me too! Especially with a little lemon juice and salt.

PROF. ARONNAX
In any case, we weren't out catching fish! We were conducting research!

CAPTAIN NEMO
Research? What kind of research?

PROF. ARONNAX
I was looking for a mysterious creature that was spotted in this part of the ocean.

CAPTAIN NEMO
You were?

PROF. ARONNAX
Yes! My name is Professor Penelope Aronnax, head of the marine biology department at Miskatonic University, and this is my assistant, Conseil.

CONSEIL
How do you do.
PROF. ARONNAX
I study all of the various creatures that live in the ocean.
Underwater life is my specialty!
   (Sung)
You've got to count them
And weigh them
And number all their scales
Poke them
And prod them
And tag their little tails
You've got to sit there
And watch them
And note what is suspicious
Research the creatures
And find the fishes!

ALL SAILORS
   (Sung)
Research the creatures
And find the fishes!

Musical vamp

CAPTAIN NEMO
Stop singing with our enemies!

CONSEIL
Look, I think this is all just a big misunderstanding!

NED
There's no misunderstanding here! The only thing I don't understand is what this guy has against fishing!

CAPTAIN NEMO
I'm warning you! The mop is right over there! And I'm not afraid to use it!

PROF. ARONNAX
I've already told you; we're weren't even fishing!

CONSEIL
Can't we all just get along?

ALL
No!

NED
   (Sung)
You've gotta catch em!

CAPTAIN NEMO
   (Sung)
And kiss em!
PROF. ARONNAX
(Sung)
And document their flippers

NED
(Sung)
Cook em!

PROF. ARONNAX
(Sung)
And count em!

CAPTAIN NEMO
(Sung)
And give them little slippers

PROF. ARONNAX
(Sung)
You've got to chase them

CAPTAIN NEMO
(Sung)
And pet them!

NED
(Sung)
And serve them on the dishes!

ALL
(Sung)
Tell all the people:

PROF. ARONNAX (PLUS SAILORS)
(Sung)
To count!

NED (PLUS SAILORS)
(Sung)
To cook!

CAPTAIN NEMO (PLUS SAILORS)
(Sung)
To save!

PROF. ARONNAX (PLUS SAILORS)
(Sung)
To count!

NED (PLUS SAILORS)
(Sung)
To cook!
CAPTAIN NEMO (PLUS SAILORS)
To save!

PROF. ARONNAX (PLUS SAILORS)
To count!

NED (PLUS SAILORS)
To cook!

CAPTAIN NEMO (PLUS SAILORS)
To save!

ALL
The fishes!
Save the fish!

End song.

PROF. ARONNAX
Look, Captain, we were out here because we had heard stories of an unknown creature spotted in this part of the ocean.

NED
They said it was a sea monster.

STEAMY
A sea monster?

Yes.

PROF. ARONNAX
Pretty ridiculous, huh?

CAPTAIN NEMO
Indeed! There are no sea monsters in this part of the ocean!
(CAPTAIN NEMO laughs maniacally while the SAILORS join him in forced laughter)

All the sea monsters live in the tropics. They like the warmer climates and the all inclusive resorts. But... of course, if I did want to summon a sea monster, I could always just press this giant, red, call-in-the-sea-monster button. But... really... that would just be... "crazy!!"
(CAPTAIN NEMO laughs maniacally while the SAILORS join him in forced laughter.)

I mean, it's just nuts that I even put a button like that on my boat! If I were to accidentally bump it or something, a giant sea monster would come and literally rip my submarine (MORE)
CAPTAIN NEMO (CONT'D)

to shreds! (Pause)
Oh well. It's a good thing we won't have to worry about that!
(They all laugh)

PROF. ARONNAX
In any case, the supposed "sea monster" that everyone has been seeing must actually be your submarine.

CAPTAIN NEMO
My submarine? The Nautilus?

STEAMY
See! I told you!

CAPTAIN NEMO
It doesn't look like a sea monster!

STEAMY
(To PROF. ARONNAX)
It's the big horn on the front, isn't it?

CAPTAIN NEMO
It's supposed to look like a narwhal!

SAILOR 13
(To the audience)
See! I told you! Narwhal's are real!

PROF. ARONNAX
Oh! Now that you mention it, I certainly see the resemblance.

CONSEIL
What's a narwhal?

NED
It's like a fat, sea unicorn.

CONSEIL
(Delighted)
A sea unicorn?

NED
Yeah!

CAPTAIN NEMO
The narwhal is not a monster. It is a majestic animal!

NED
(Giggling)
So, does your unicorn boat shoot rainbows out of its horn?