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I would like to present an invention, an alternative to sailing.

Take four large half-cut ball pieces and empty the inside. We only need the outer shells. Place these empty half-balls and place them around a metal stick. The shells are organized to go around in circle, meaning the shell on the right might face toward us and the shell on the left would face in the opposite direction, away from us. The shells may be made of the same fabric sailboats use to trap air, but the fabric needs to be tightened into large half-ball positions. So this way regardless which way the wind blows, these four shells trap air and rotate. The rotation from capturing wind this way can be transformed to propell a boat at it's back forward with forward-rolling propellers. Upon strong winds these shells would rotate very fast and in turn would run large propellers with great power at the end of the ship. Sincerely, inventor, x.y.

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