

Ships of the Baton Rouge Era

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A Generation Ago...

For crews of Constitution class vessels, it can be difficult to imagine what the Star Fleet was like only a brief 20 years ago. Earth had reached the pinnacle of its own science, with the refined hard fusion warp drive powering her mighty *Baton Rouge* class star ships across the Alpha Quadrant of the galaxy.

With the arrival of the *Baton Rouge* and her contemporaries, Earth had, at last, reached technical parity with all of the other members of the Federation. Earth's star fleet was recognized as a powerful peace-keeping force for her worlds, and the prestige gained cemented Earth's place politically within the Federation council.

Ships of the era would serve as the main-line of Earth's fleet for 30 years and give spectacular performance for the day. It is a testament to their designs that they would remain a potent force in Earth's fleet up through the Four Year's War in the 2250s.

In 2240 the Bonaventure project would mark the beginning of the end of the series, with the use of dilithium-crystals to focus the massive energies available from matter/anti-matter annihilation. A few years later saw the launching of the *USS Constitution*, the first of a new series of starship, which signaled the end of the *Baton Rouge's* reign as Earth's supreme starship.

Since that time, several of the remaining vessels have been converted to reserve use. A precious few would even see improvements in the form of their own matter/anti-matter engine upgrade. Most, though, would simply be formally retired by the later 2260s.

Though now considered outdated, many older Starfleet crewmen remember the vessels fondly. More than one Commodore will regard the lines of the old girls wistfully. There will always be a

soft-spot for these once-great ships, even as the older girls plow the space-lanes in calmer pastures.

Starship Registry

BATON ROUGE CLASS HEAVY CRUISER

Class and Type: Federation *Baton Rouge* class Cruiser

Commissioning Date: 2221

Hull Characteristics

Size: 6

Resistance: 3

Structural Points: 120

Operations Characteristics

Crew/Passengers/Evac: 205/450/800 [7 power/round]

Computers: 4 [2 power/round]

Transporters: 2 per., 2 cargo, 1 emer. [7 power/round]

Tractor Beams: 1fv, 2av [2 power/rating/round]

Propulsion and Power Characteristics

Warp System: 4/5/6 [2/warp factor]

Impulse System: .4 c / .6c [4/6 Power/round]

Power: 115

Sensor Systems

Long-range sensors: +1/12 ly [6 power/round]

Lateral sensors: +1/1 ly [4 power/round]

Navigational Sensors: +1 [5 power/round]

Sensor Skill: 3

Weapons Systems

"Tesla" Type Laser Cannon

Range: 9/27,000/80,000/250,000

Arc: FV, FP, FS

Accuracy: 4/5/7/10

Damage: 10

Power: [10]

MK VIII/IF Photon Torpedoes

Number: 40

Launchers: FV

Spread: 4

Arc: Forward (120 degrees)

Range: 15/150,000/500,000/1,000,000

Accuracy: 4/5/7/10

Damage: 12

Power: [4]

Weapons Skill: 4

Defensive Systems

PS-A "Sentry" Type Deflector Shield

Protection: 30/50 [40power/shield/round]

Description and Notes

The *Baton Rouge* class was launched in 2221 as the ultimate "hard fusion" warp-capable starship. In her day, she was the most potent and advanced vessel that the Earth fleet could field. Many elements of her design and components would make their way into new ships through the next few generations of Starship design.

The ships of the class performed nobly in protecting the Federation frontier and proved a daunting challenge for Klingons up through the Four Year's War. Unfortunately that war would also show the design's limitations. Despite the vessel's versatility and performance, it was clear that her day had finally come and the new *Constitution* class had easily outclassed her in performance.

Though rendered obsolete during the Four Year's War, a handful of the *Baton Rouge* class vessels remained in service through the 2270s as crew trainers and defense ships (with their old "Tesla" class cannons replaced with Type VII phasers).

Ships of the Class

The original order for the *Baton Rouge* class was a mere 10 ships, designed to be the 'backbone' of Earth's fleet. Rather than act independently, the new ships would work in concert with older ships and new light ships to form defensive task forces.

USS *Baton Rouge* (NCC 1300), retired to Memory Alpha

USS *Moscow* (NCC 1301)

USS *Peking* (NCC 1302)

USS *Britannia* (NCC 1303), lost in Four Year's War

USS *Los Angeles* (NCC 1304)

USS *Yamato* (NCC 1305), lost in Four Year's War

USS *Hokkaido* (NCC 1306)

USS *Savannah* (NCC 1307), missing, presumed destroyed

USS *Tehran* (NCC 1308)

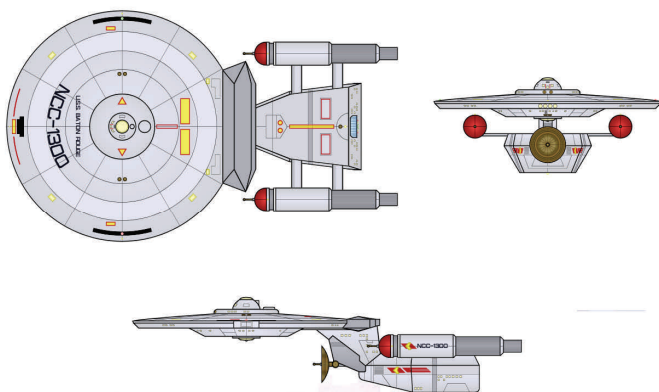
USS *Petersburg* (NCC 1309)

Even before the beginning of the Four Year's War, it was clear that Earth's initial plans for the *Baton Rouge* was not sufficient. In the years leading to the far, a second batch of *Baton Rouge* vessels was ordered to supplement the fleet, along with a new single-ship capability directive.

USS *Marseilles* (NCC 1360)

USS *Devonshire* (NCC 1361)

USS *Sydney* (NCC 1362), lost in Four Year's War



USS Vladivostok (NCC 1363)
 USS Cairo (NCC 1364)
 USS Tipton (NCC 1365)
 USS Arcadia (NCC 1366)
 USS Tripoli (NCC 1367), lost in Four Year's War
 USS Union (NCC 1368)
 USS Lafayette (NCC 1369)
 USS Commonwealth (NCC 1370)
 USS Republic (NCC 1371)
 USS Democracy (NCC 1372)
 USS Liberty (NCC 1373)
 USS Chauncey (NCC 1374)

COOK CLASS SCOUT

Class and Type: Federation *Cook* class Scout

Commissioning Date: 2228

Hull Characteristics

Size: 5
 Resistance: 3
 Structural Points: 100

Operations Characteristics

Crew/Passengers/Evac: 110/450/800 [7 power/round]
 Computers: 4 [2 power/round]
 Transporters: 2 per., 2 cargo, 1 emer. [7 power/round]
 Tractor Beams: 1fv, 2av [2 power/rating/round]

Propulsion and Power Characteristics

Warp System: 4/5/6 [2/warp factor]
 Impulse System: .4 c / .6c [4/6 Power/round]
 Power: 65

Sensor Systems

Long-range sensors: +1/12 ly [6 power/round]
 Lateral sensors: +1/1 ly [4 power/round]
 Navigational Sensors: +1 [5 power/round]
 Sensor Skill: 3

Weapons Systems

"Tesla" Type Laser Cannon

Range: 9/27,000/80,000/250,000

Arc: FV

Accuracy: 4/5/7/10

Damage: 10

Power: [10]

Weapon Skill: 4

Defensive Systems

PS-A "Sentry" Type Deflector Shield

Protection: 30/50 [40power/shield/round]

Description and Notes

With the *Baton Rogue* proving successful for its time, Star Fleet planned to take the components of the ship to create a line of similar, but smaller vessels. A destroyer and scout type was planned making use of the *Baton Rogue's* primary hull and VX-20 warp engines. The scout would end up becoming the *Cook* class vessel.

The *Cook* would enjoy some moderate success along the frontier, mapping out the 'empty spaces' between established Federation outposts and performing much-needed geological surveys on planets which had come under Federation control. Unfortunately rising tensions with the Klingon Empire would keep the *Cook's* program limited, as the need for stronger defense far outweighed the need for scientific research at the time.

The Four Year's War would be the death knell for the *Cook* class, proving the technology's relative obsolescence in the face of Klingon fire. Three of the seven vessels were lost in rapid succession during the war, with the rest soon pulled out of line duty. With the arrival of the technologically superior *Hermes* class scout, the *Cook* class was formally retired from service at the war's end.

Ships of the Class

Though 20 ships of the class were originally planned, only seven would be constructed due to the onset of the Four Year's War. *Cook* class vessels sadly showed their relative obsolescence in that conflict and no new vessels were ordered.

USS Cook (NCC-480)

USS Miller (NCC-481)

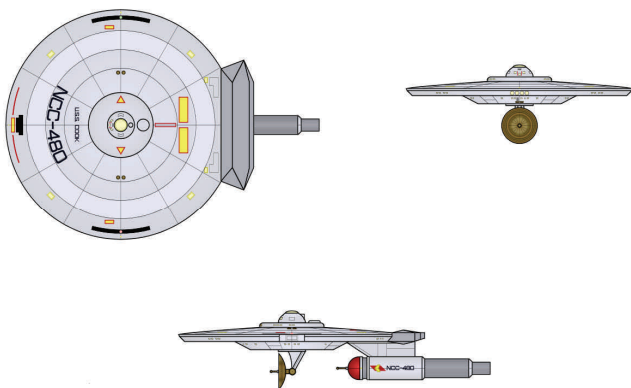
USS Dampier (NCC-482)

USS Own (NCC-483), lost in Four Year's War

USS Wigtown (NCC-484)

USS Fraser (NCC-485)

USS Loch (NCC-486), lost in Four Year's War



CONSTANT WARWICK CLASS FRIGATE

Class and Type: Federation *Constant Warwick* class Frigate

Commissioning Date: 2227

Hull Characteristics

Size: 5

Resistance: 3

Structural Points: 100

Operations Characteristics

Crew/Passengers/Evac: 110/450/800 [7 power/round]
Computers: 4 [2 power/round]
Transporters: 2 per., 2 cargo, 1 emer. [7 power/round]
Tractor Beams: 1fv, 2av [2 power/rating/round]

Propulsion and Power Characteristics

Warp System: 4/5/6 [2/warp factor]
Impulse System: .4 c / .6c [4/6 Power/round]
Power: 115

Sensor Systems

Long-range sensors: +1/12 ly [6 power/round]
Lateral sensors: +1/1 ly [4 power/round]
Navigational Sensors: +1 [5 power/round]
Sensor Skill: 3

Weapons Systems

"Tesla" Type Laser Cannon

Range: 9/27,000/80,000/250,000
Arc: FV, FP, FS
Accuracy: 4/5/7/10
Damage: 10
Power: [10]

MK VIII/IF Photon Torpedoes

Number: 40
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Spread: 4
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Range: 15/150,000/500,000/1,000,000
Accuracy: 4/5/7/10
Damage: 12
Power: [4]

Weapons Skill: 4

Defensive Systems

PS-A "Sentry" Type Deflector Shield

Protection: 30/50 [40power/shield/round]

Description and Notes

One of the handful of *Baton Rouge*-based designs, the

Constant Warwick quickly became a favorite for those who crewed her. Designed as a light but strong combat vessel, the Constant Warwick would very quickly prove herself in the minor skirmishes which would eventually lead to the Anaxar Rebellion and then the Four Year's War.

During the Four Year's War, the *Constant Warwick* could be found in nearly every engagement and had a stunning track record despite being technologically behind Klingon insurgent forces. Despite extremely high risk and nearly constant engagement, only four of the twenty vessels of the class would be lost in the conflict, and each is said to have died 'proudly', taking their enemies with them. A position aboard a *Constant Warwick* was a sign of respect and honor.

When the *Constant Warwick* class was announced to be obsolete, it was not without controversy or political incident. A handful of the class's captains attempted to refuse orders to transfer to the newer ships coming on line, and demanded instead that the remaining *Constant Warwicks* be uprated with new technology. Unfortunately the older frames proved unsuitable for an affordable upgrade and the plans to retire the class were reluctantly pursued. The class was officially retired in 2256, replaced newer-technology frigates.

Ships of the Class

The Constant Warwick was appropriated with a complement of 20 vessels, all of which were completed and served within the Four Year's War. Even though they were becoming technologically obsolete by the 2250s, debate ranged constantly to bring more ships of the class into the fleet, though this did not pan out for the ships' supporters.

USS Constant Warwick (NCC-800)
USS Adventure (NCC-801), lost in Four Year's War
USS San Miguel (NCC-802)
USS Maidstone (NCC-803)
USS Jersey (NCC-804)
USS Lizard (NCC-805)
USS Newport (NCC-806)
USS Falcon (NCC-807),
USS Queenborough (NCC-808)
USS Swan (NCC-809)
USS Drake (NCC-810)
USS Solebay (NCC-811)
USS Seahorse (NCC-812). lost in Four Year's War
USS Penzance (NCC-813)
USS Dunwich (NCC-814)
USS Orford (NCC-815)
USS Flamborough (NCC-816)
USS Seaford (NCC-817)
USS Deal Castle (NCC-818)
USS Peregrine (NCC-819)

