

Starships – 100dt X-Boat

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Constructed using the 100 ton hull, the express boat is fitted with drives producing jump-4, but no maneuver drive. Fuel tankage is sufficient for one jump. The cramped bridge is complemented by a Model/4 computer. The ship has two staterooms; one is necessary for the single crew member, while the other can carry a passenger. More often, the pilot uses the second room for additional living space. There is a one ton cargo bay which is occasionally used to carry vital cargo such as vaccines or sophisticated repair parts. The ship carries no weapons or hardpoints.

It is equipped with Jump drive-B and a Modified Power Plant-C, and carries sufficient fuel for one Jump-4, and 1 month of operations. Note that the ship when in Jump space can effectively operate in low power mode thanks to the minimal systems needs and Fusion+ distributed power system. Transfer pumps enable double jumps via detachable drop tanks, which the X-boat service produces in a 'standard' 100 ton size to enable quick refueling and jump procedures for the normal X-boat fleet if the tender itself is too busy to dock with the X-boat. The extremely advanced surface communicator is used to tight-beam sensitive encrypted communications to pre-set system ,listening posts' bypassing the need to pass these messages through the X-boat tender crews.

Modeling the X-Boat

So finally I'm going to tackle the X-Boat and Tender for my Traveller ship portfolio. Frankly I didn't know in the beginning about how to make an X-Boat look interesting in any way. Maybe I still wonder. But I'm going to model it any way. Even if it's only blocked out, so I can continue later at any

given time.



The first render shows the X-Boat upright (as it's deck layout is vertical) in a Dark Red and Light Grey scheme. The two main outer features are the bridge windows and the double airlock on the starbord side. So thats what you're going to see.



The second render shows the ship in IISS olive and light grey color scheme.



Im just playing with color variations.

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