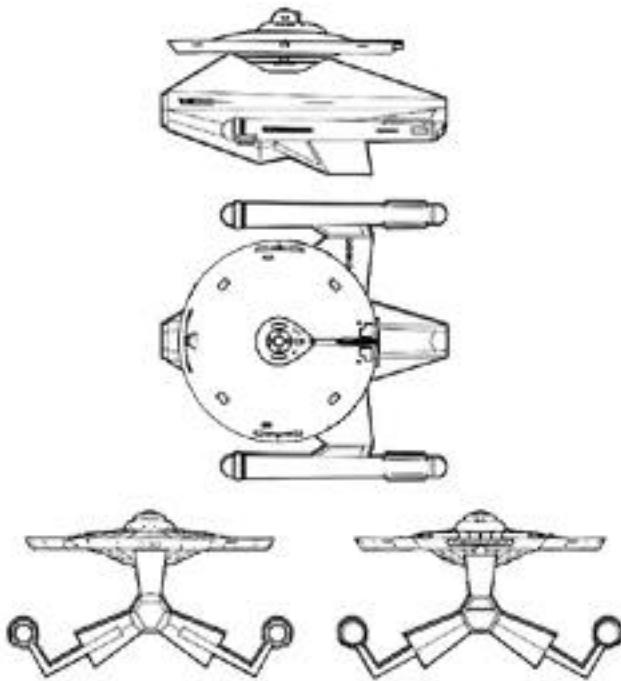


LYDIA CLASS LIGHT CRUISER

Lydia Class Production Schedule

USS Curie	USS Torpin
USS Percival Lowell	USS Ellsmere
USS Discovery	USS Linnaeus
USS Watson-Crick	USS Pasteur
USS Bacon	USS Aristotile
USS Leakey	USS Uton
USS Schumaker	USS Farseeker
USS T'Pak	USS Outward Bound
USS Alomar	



The Science branch of Starfleet began to explore the possibilities of developing a vessel dedicated to research and survey as early as the 2140's.

The Lydia vessel, precursor to the now commonplace Oberth-class science vessel, was developed in the mid 2160s. It's ungainly design was well suited to its task, as critical sensors and other research gear could be attached to the hold on hard points, located across the tri-starred engineering hull. Due to their light weapons and defensive systems, Lydia Class cruisers were primarily employed deep within Federation space or along the core borders away from the Neutral Zones.

USS Curie	We are here and it is now. Further than that all human knowledge is moon shine. - <i>H. L. Mencken</i>
USS Percival Lowell	Imagination is more important than knowledge... - <i>Albert Einstein</i>
USS Discovery	To be conscious that you are ignorant is a great step to knowledge. - <i>Benjamin Disraeli</i>
USS Watson-Crick	Knowledge and timber shouldn't be much used till they are seasoned. - <i>Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr.</i>
USS Bacon	Knowledge itself is power. - <i>Sir Francis Bacon</i>
USS Leakey	If you have knowledge, let others light their candles at it. - <i>Margaret Fuller</i>
USS Schumaker	The only good is knowledge and the only evil is ignorance. - <i>Socrates</i>
USS T'Pak	The great aim of education is not knowledge but action. - <i>Herbert Spencer</i>
USS Alomar	To acquire knowledge, one must study; but to acquire wisdom, one must observe. - <i>Marilyn vos Savant</i>
USS Torpin	Knowledge must come through action; you can have no test which is not fanciful, save by trial. - <i>Sophocles</i>
USS Ellsmere	This is the bitterest pain among men, to have much knowledge but no power. - <i>Herodotus</i>
USS Linnaeus	There is only one good, knowledge, and one evil, ignorance. - <i>Socrates</i>
USS Pasteur	There are in fact two things, science and opinion; the former begets knowledge, the latter ignorance. - <i>Hippocrates</i>
USS Aristotle	All men by nature desire knowledge. - <i>Aristotle</i>

USS Uton

Bodily exercise, when compulsory, does no harm to the body; but knowledge which is acquired under compulsion obtains no hold on the mind.

- *Plato*

USS Farseeker

Indeed, what is there that does not appear marvelous when it comes to our knowledge for the first time? How many things, too, are looked upon as quite impossible until they have been actually effected?

- *Pliny the Elder*

USS Outward Bound

Consider your origin; you were not born to live like brutes, but to follow virtue and knowledge.

- *Dante Alighieri*