

# The Wyvern's Tale

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## BRING IT ON !

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## The Captain's Log

Greetings, gallant crew!

I hope by now you have all had a chance to read the MSR which I recently submitted. We had a fantastic month! You already know we have added two more to our crew with Annie and Minka transporting aboard to join us.

One of the biggest problems on our sponsor ship was the lack of participation and general apathy amongst the crew. That being said, I do not want us falling into the same trap! We need to keep the momentum from April going!

Ros has said we need to focus on a mission and I agree. That being said, I truly feel that we should not concentrate on one specific purpose for the Wessex. We all joined for one reason, to be a part of something new, to mold our own ship, to explore whatever we desire!



That is going to mean participation from all hands. I realize real life can be very hectic, and of course we cannot make things happen everyday. We are two months into our journey now, and all of you should already have an idea about what you would like your contribution to be. Everybody has been doing great so far and it will only get better! Please think about what you are

going to submit to Ros for upcoming editions of the Wyvern's Tale. It can be anything you would like to share with all of us.

Ros is going to be discussing the Academy; once Minka has the time she will be discussing medical science; and I plan on discussing RPGs. We can discuss the Movie once everybody has had a chance to see it; there is virtually no subject that is not open game! (Keeping it tasteful of course). 😊

So think about it, folks, and keep up the enthusiasm. I am so very proud to be associated with each and every one of you.

May the wind be at our backs.

*Captain Dave Jamison*

CO USS Wessex

## **Shakedown Calendar – May 2009**

(taken from ShOC Manual)

- Continue work on chapter by-laws/constitution
- Start to design chapter promotion policy and awards program
- Choose a name for newsletter
- Assist crew in planning a fun event

## **How We're Doing**

#1 – continue work on chapter by-laws/constitution: Dave and Ros are working hard on producing this; as soon as they have a more coherent draft, they will send it to the crew for comments.

#2 – start to design chapter promotion policy and awards program: the promotion policy will be based on a combination of time-in-grade, participation, and a points system. The points system awards points for participating in a certain activity – then promotion is based on having reached a certain number of points. Later in this newsletter is a table of the sort of activities that will gain points.

#3 – choose a name for newsletter: as you can see, we have already achieved #3 – we've chosen a name for the newsletter!

#4 – Assist crew in planning a fun event: this is geared more towards meetings chapters, but we have started in our own way by having a) our own RPG and b) joining the Matrix current RPG. And, of course, there is the new movie...although we can't exactly go to a screening together, we can certainly talk about it afterward!

## **What Happens Next – June 2009**

- Continue work on chapter by-laws/constitution; rough draft to crew for comment
- Continue work on chapter promotion policy and awards program
- Work on newsletter, logos, mottos, banners, website and so on
- Send out newsletter
- Encourage Division Chiefs to give reports



**Defiant-Class – Aft View**

## Promotions Aboard USS Wessex

The CO and XO have been working on a promotion system for the Wessex, and have decided that the fairest way will include a combination of the following:

- time in grade
- participation in activities
- points

This will allow the crew to earn their promotions by enjoying a variety of activities as opposed to just taking courses. Here is a table which details the various activities and attached points:

Activity	Points to be gained
Pass OTS	50
Pass OCC	50
Renewing SFI membership	25
Pass Wessex Crewmember Basic Course (WBC)	10
Submit something to the newsletter (half-page article, report etc)	10
Watch an episode and write a report for the newsletter	10
Contribute to the website	10
Take all the courses in one particular college	10
Recruiting someone to the ship and SFI	10
Submit something short to the newsletter (joke, link, short article/report, pic etc)	5
Write an RPG post (Wessex, Matrix or Atlantis)	5
Pass an SFA/SFMCA course	5
Get an SFA Boothby or other award	5
Get an SFMCA ribbon or other award	5

Naturally, any courses you took/awards you gained way back when (before the Wessex started up) will not count!



Do you have any other points-gaining activities that you would like to suggest?  
Or any awards you would like to see listed in our not-yet-composed awards program?

*Promotions Aboard USS Wessex (continued)*

How many points per promotion? you ask. Here is a table (adapted from the one drawn up by FCAPT Matt Haley of USS Matrix) that shows the ranks and how many promotion points need to be gained to advance in rank:

Class	Marines	Navy	Time at Previous Rank	Courses Passed and Promotion Points gained
<b>Commissioned Officers</b>				
O-12		Fleet Admiral	SFI Appointed	SFI Appointed
O-11	General	Admiral	SFI Appointed	SFI Appointed
O-10	Lieutenant General	Vice Admiral	SFI Appointed	SFI Appointed
O-9	Major General	Rear Admiral	SFI Appointed	SFI Appointed
O-8	Brigadier General	Commodore	SFI Appointed	SFI Appointed
O-7	Brigadier	Fleet Captain	SFI Appointed	SFI Appointed
O-6	Colonel	Captain	SFI Appointed	SFI Appointed
O-5	Lieutenant Colonel	Commander	6 as LCDR	WBC + OTS + OCC + 200
O-4	Major	Lieutenant Commander	6 as LT	WBC + OTS + 150
O-3	Captain	Lieutenant	6 as LTjg	WBC + OTS + 100
O-2	1 <sup>st</sup> Lieutenant	Lieutenant (jg)	3 as ENS	WBC + 75
O-1	2 <sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant	Ensign	2 as CRMN	WBC + 50
<b>Enlisted Personnel</b>				
E-3	Lance Corporal	Crewman	2 as CRMN-A	WBC + 25
E-2	Private First Class	Crewman Apprentice	1 as CRMN-R	Wessex Crewmember Basic Course
E-1	Private	Crewman Recruit	Signs Aboard	0

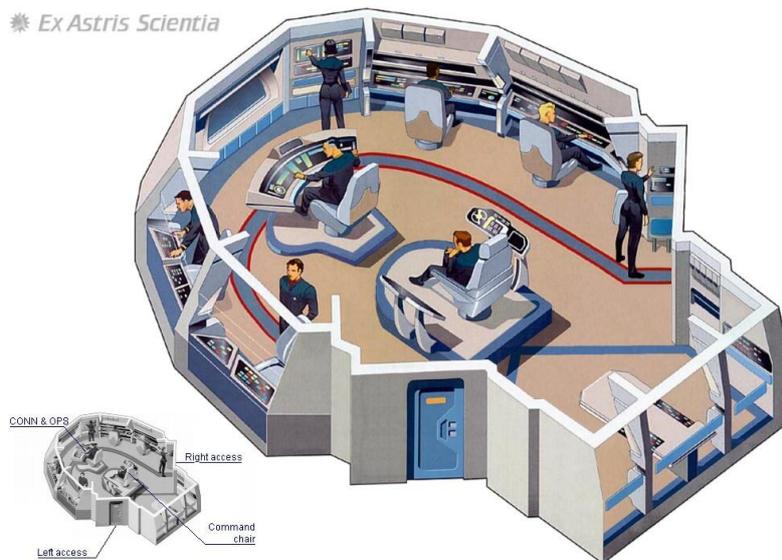
WBC = Wessex Basic Course. It is a short set of questions to familiarise yourself with the Wessex, and is still 'under construction'. Completion of this course is essential for most promotions, so everybody will need to take it.



It seems the Klingons had a diabolical plan to trap the USS Wessex in silver paper.  
Luckily, the plan was foiled.

## Defiant Details

✦ Ex Astris Scientia



Defiant-class bridge

The Defiant-class has 5 decks. This information is taken from the Starfleet Technical Manual and quoted on Memory Alpha.org:

- **Deck 1:** [main bridge](#), [captain's ready room](#), [transporter room](#) 1, [phaser cannons](#) (2), upper [main engineering](#), plasma exhaust vents, upper [sensor array](#), officer and crew quarters, [deuterium](#) storage.
- **Deck 2:** lower main engineering, main [impulse engines](#), [computer core](#), [targeting sensors](#), [mess hall](#), [warp coils](#), [sickbay](#), medical and science [laboratory](#), transporter room 2, officer and crew quarters, warhead control room.
- **Deck 3:** main impulse engines, warhead impulse engines, [shuttlebays](#) 1-3, [antimatter](#) storage, [cargo bays](#) 1-4, [airlocks](#) (2), aft [torpedo](#) magazine, warp coils, [shuttle](#) and [workbee](#) maintenance.
- **Deck 4:** [landing struts](#), [navigational deflector](#), phaser cannons (2), forward and aft torpedo magazines, aft [torpedo launchers](#) (2), forward torpedo launcher (1), lower sensor array, shuttlebay 1-2 exterior doors and elevator system, main [tractor beam](#) emitter.

*The deck layout comes from the Star Trek: Deep Space Nine Technical Manual and is largely consistent with the [master systems display](#) seen many times onscreen. In addition, three references were made to a "deck 5" during the [fourth season](#): "[Way of the Warrior](#)", "[Rejoined](#)" and "[To the Death](#)". The first two citations were in reference to [hull breaches](#); the third citation had Captain Sisko traveling to "Deck 5, Section 1" via turbolift.*

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**"Buckle Up !"**

(James T Kirk in the 2009 movie)

## Academy News This Month

Did you know that USS Wessex has several STARFLEET Academy connections? From our crew:

Captain Dave Jamison: Director of College of Xeno Studies

Fleet Captain Ros Haywood: Dean of Institute of Arts, Director of College of Genealogy, Director of Cadet College of Xeno Studies

Rear Admiral Anne Bellenger: Director of College of Federation Studies

Lieutenant Commander Chris Lane, one of the 'best of the best' in 2008, has added a course in Intel in the Movies to his record

Crewman Russ Smiley has taken OTS and two more Security courses in the past month, gaining Distinctions

## RPG News This Month

April saw the beginning of our very own RPG: 'Shakedown Cruise'. It showed the beginnings of the USS Wessex and her crew on their shakedown cruise – so this was RPG fiction with a little RL thrown in.

XO Ros went down to Sickbay to view the facilities, and especially the aromatherapy room (which RL Ros has requested we have! as she is a massage therapist in her RL spare time). So this is (probably) the first Defiant-class escort with teeth **and** a massage couch! Suddenly, malfunctions appeared everywhere: bloodwine and spice tea instead of water from the replicator, the doors wouldn't open, and comms seemed to be down. It turned out to be a practical joke, played by the rest of the crew upon Ros. Then the Wessex received a communiqué from Starfleet...

USS Matrix began their RPG – 'Project Skyview' – about the USS Matrix helping the Corps of Engineers to rebuild a science station (but with evil Romulans and secret plans involved!)

The USS Wessex is going to be Starfleet's secret weapon! and, as such, even though we are still on our shakedown cruise, we have received orders from Command to patrol the Neutral Zone.

