## Merchant of Venus

## New Ships

## Rules

There are 3 important rules when using the new ship classes:

1. Starting Ships: During setup, you may discard c 20 to select the Needle as your starting ship in place of the Scout.
2. Speed Dice: The new ship classes ask you to roll a certain number of speed dice, and then use a smaller number. Excess dice are discarded.

For example, if I am using the Scow, I will roll 4 dice, say I get a 5,2 , 2 and 1 . I now select 2 dice to use, say the 5 and a 2 . The 2 and the 1 are discarded and cannot be used for additional effects such as Navigation, etc.

The Needle has the added rule that you multiply the value of your selected die by 3 to determine your movement points this turn.
3. Half Cargo Holds: All of the new ships (except the Merchantman) feature a half cargo hold. This hold has a capacity of one dot and cannot hold any goods. It may be used as normal to carry a passenger, drive or $2^{\text {nd }}$ shield.

## Ship Classes

There are 4 new ship classes, 2 available for purchase from Technological cultures and 2 available from Industrial cultures. The classes include:

1. Needle: The needle is a small, fast ship, designed for express deliveries. You have one and a half cargo holds. During your Set Speed step, you roll 2 dice and select 1. Multiply the value of your selected die to determine your movement points for this turn.
2. Sloop: An even faster ship than the Needle, the Sloop will get you where you're going in a hurry. You have one and a half cargo holds. During your Set Speed step, roll 5 dice and select 4 of them to determine your movement points for this turn.
3. Scow: A nice alternative to the Clipper, the Scow is a little more flexible but not quite as fast. You have three and a half cargo holds. During your Set Speed step, roll 4 dice and select 2 of them to determine your movement points for this turn.
4. Merchantman: A middle ground between the Clipper and the Freighter. You have four cargo holds. During your Set Speed step, roll 3 dice and select 2 of them to determine your movement points for this turn.








