

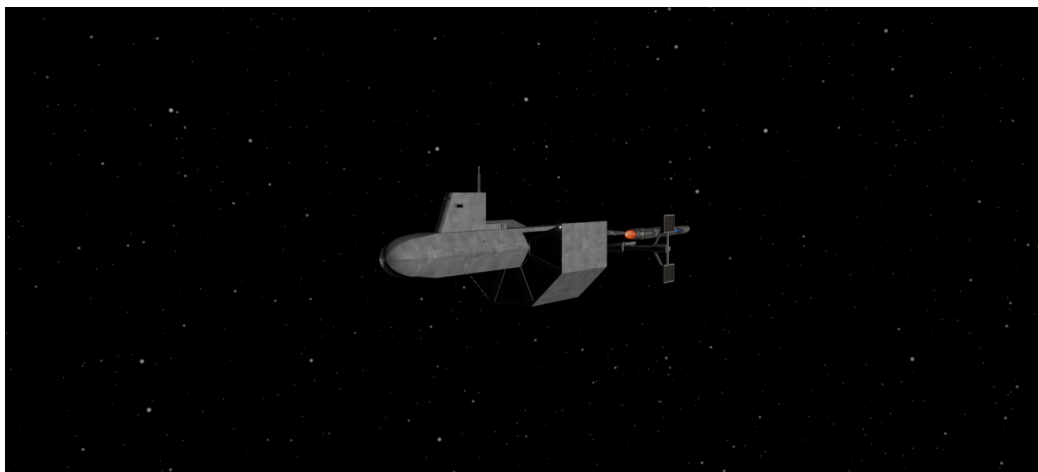
The First interplanetary Race begins. Space experiment or Corporate Flanting?

2 days from now, on February 19th, 2079 the ;argest mass of space vessels will be put together for a Race. After originally being set up by Renault Corporation to show off their new space platform. Since then it has grown with 3 companies adding their vessels to the mix and two independent ships have joined their ranks.



Caption: the S.S Bordeaux flying to the starting line.

The race itself is a 3 lap course from Earth to Mars. The race passes through the lunar colony and takes an indirect route to Mars. In the middle of the course is an abandoned DY-100 which each ship will have to dock with. There, the ship's crew will have to load a series of crates onto their ship in a timely manner and then continue on with the race. Then at utopia plantia, the ships will land and unload their cargo. Once everything is unloaded, they rush back to earth to begin the next lap. That whole process was put in the race as explained by current CEO of Renault, Emmanuel Senard, "Transport is the name of the game in space."



Caption: S.S. Arcas flying to the starting line.

Public support for this race has also grown significantly since its inception. Each of the racers now share the racing world's attention, with the most famous being Captain Cosmotas of the DY-100 Arcas. Being an aging Freighter captain he is seen as the common man by most younger viewers. Though the racers who the public believe are most likely to win are the crew of the S.S. Bordeaux. It's not shocking the Renault time is the one voted to win as well as their previous good reputation. The only Racers are two independents, a nobody who doesn't have much known about him, and an American Billionaire, and a Chinese vessel, S.S Qin Shi Haung. The last to join the race was a German Company, Rheinmetall and their vessel, S.S. Sturm, is based on the French design.



S.S. Arcas and S.S Bordeaux flying beside each other.

It is currently unclear who will win, but for everyone this will be a momentous achievement for space travel.