

**BACKGROUND & TACTICS** 



Naval Commanders from the League of Italian States use their Hunter Fleets like rapiers. Fast moving, agile and hard to target, the League's vessels are perfect for hit and run tactics, slicing through the enemy formations, picking off their prey and speeding away before the cumbersome foe can bring their weapons to bear.

Central to this tactic is the ability of the Italian gunnery crews to fire their weapons halfway through the vessels manoeuvre. Cunning Commanders can put this to incredible use, ordering their Squadrons to move into position, open fire, and then steam away behind intervening cover or out of the enemies' firing arcs.

As a trade-off for this flexibility, the League's ships lack the heavy armour plating which protects the vessels of their allies and rivals. This can leave critical systems comparatively vulnerable if the fleet comes under heavy fire.

To offset their fragile nature, the League has invested considerable resources into outfitting their vessels with the most advanced technologies, often acquired from the Covenant through their extensive spy network.

Every vessel of Cruiser grade or above is fitted with a Shield Generator, slimmed in size through Covenant technology to fit within their streamlined hulls. The larger Mars Battleships and Affondatore Carriers take advantage of the increased hull space to equip powerful Amplified Shield Generators that can deflect huge amounts of incoming fire.

Additionally, every Generator has a dedicated team of experts keeping it maintained and operating at full capacity at all times, providing matchless protection to these deadly but fragile craft.

Any vessel too small to fit a Shield Generator within its hull compensates by being very difficult for the enemy to target with their gunnery. The Scutum and Uccisore present particularly challenging prey, even for vessels of equivalent size.

An Italian Commander needs to take particular care of the larger and more deadly Cinquedea Destroyers, as they are more vulnerable targets. However, by using their incredible speed and Hit & Run ability to the full, they can nip in and out of the Hunter Fleet, crippling their opponents with well-coordinated fire before taking seeking cover behind sturdier shielded vessels.

In battle the Hunter Fleets operate best as a highly coordinated pack. The Uccisore Assault Craft and aeroplane support act as an agile mosquito swarm, large numbers of diminutive craft distracting the opposition with repeated stings. Meanwhile smaller packs of Frigates and Destroyers hunt down and tear apart isolated targets whilst the Cruisers offer supporting fire. The Fortuna Class forgoes the usual bombs in favour of powerful long range Torpedoes, thinning the enemy's numbers before the Hunters close in for the kill.

Finally, the Affondatore and Mars use their high speed to position heavy firepower exactly where it is needed to do crippling damage to the core of the enemy Fleet. With powerful medium range, multi-level Turrets mounted on swift hulls, these vessels can reap a heavy toll on the largest vessels in the enemy fleet, leaving them stricken and unable to retaliate as the Hunter Fleet steams back out of reach.

Italian Commanders need to keep a clear and even head throughout the battle, eroding the enemy's defences, maiming and debilitating their vessels with repeated lightning strikes, but being careful never to over extend and leave their ships exposed. With this strategy mastered, Commanders of the Hunter Fleets can run circles around their ponderous foes, sundering their hulls and silencing their guns before they can even land a blow.

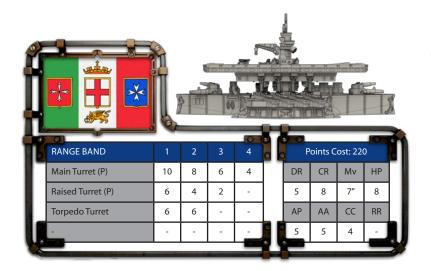




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The League of Italian States has a long tradition of naval power, and the warships fighting under its flag in the Sturginium Age are some of the aoceans, Italian Captains look to outpace their adversaries while utilising advanced Generators to deflect enemy fire. Once their deadly long-range guns and torpedoes have smashed the enemy, it is time to once again use their speed to move out of reach of retaliation.



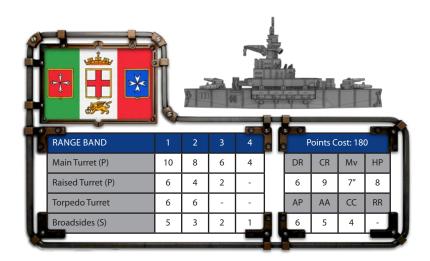
## AFFONDATORE CLASS FLEET CARRIER

Minimum Move: 2" Squadron Size: 1 Model
Turning Template: Large MASSIVE CAPITAL CLASS NAVAL

**Model Assigned Rules:** Assault Craft Support (6), Elite Crew, Fuel Reserves, Inventive Scientists, Tiny Flyer Compliment (6).

This model has an internal Amplified Shield Generator.

- The TWO Main Turrets (P) have a 270 degree Arc of Fire.
- The TWO Raised Turrets (P) have a 270 degree Arc of Fire.
- The ONE Torpedo Turret has a 90 degree (in the Port OR Starboard)
   Arc of Fire.



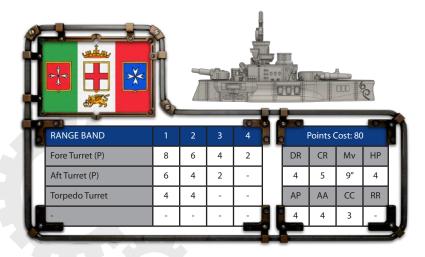
#### MARS GLASS BATTLESHIP

Minimum Move: 2" Squadron Size: 1 Model
Turning Template: Large LARGE CAPITAL CLASS NAVAL
MODEL

Model Assigned Rules: Elite Crew, Hit & Run, Inventive Scientists, Streamlined Hull.

This model has an internal **Amplified Shield Generator**.

- The **TWO** Main Turrets (**P**) have a **270** degree Arc of Fire.
- The TWO Raised Turrets (P) have a 270 degree Arc of Fire.
- The ONE Torpedo Turret has a 90 degree (in the Port OR Starboard)
   Arc of Fire.
- The Broadsides have a Broadside Arc of Fire.



#### GLADIUS GLASS GRUISER

 Minimum Move: 2"
 Squadron Size: 2-3 Models

 Turning Template: Medium
 MEDIUM CAPITAL CLASS NAVAL

MODEL

Model Assigned Rules: Assault Craft Support (2), Elite Crew, Hit & Run, Inventive Scientists, Streamlined Hull.

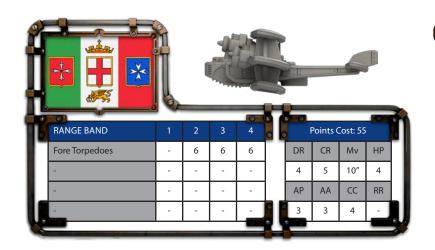
This model has an internal **Shield Generator**.

- The ONE Fore Turret (P) has a 270 degree Arc of Fire.
- The **ONE** Aft Turret (**P**) has a **270** degree Arc of Fire.
- The ONE Torpedo Turret has a 90 degree (in the Port OR Starboard)
  Arc of Fire.



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#### FORTUNA GLASS BOMBER

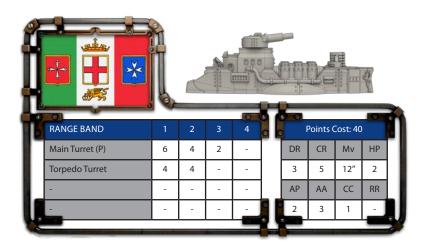
Minimum Move: 4"
Turning Template: 45 degree

Squadron Size: 2-4 Models
MEDIUM CLASS FLYING MODEL

Model Assigned Rules: Hit & Run, Momentum, Spotter, Water Hunter.

This model has an internal **Shield Generator**.

• The Fore Torpedoes have a 90 degree Arc of Fire.



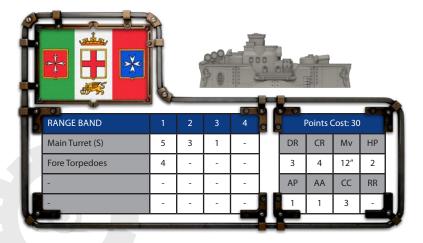
#### GINQUEDEA GLASS DESTROYER

Minimum Move: 2"
Turning Template: Small

Squadron Size: 2-4 Models
SMALL CLASS NAVAL MODEL

 $\textbf{Model Assigned Rules:} \ \mathsf{Hit} \ \& \ \mathsf{Run, Pack Hunter, Small Target}.$ 

- The ONE Main Turret (P) has a 360 degree Arc of Fire.
- The ONE Torpedo Turret has a 270 degree Arc of Fire.



#### SGUTUM GLASS ESGORT FRIGATE

Minimum Move: 2"
Turning Template: Small

Squadron Size: 2-4 Models
SMALL CLASS NAVAL MODEL

Model Assigned Rules: Elusive Target, Hit & Run, Small Target, Water Hunter.

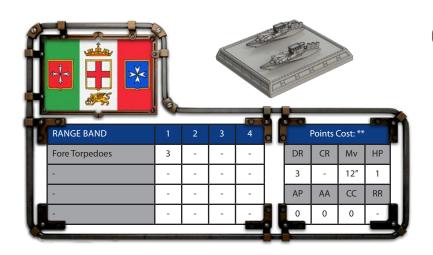
- The ONE Main Turret (S) has a 270 degree Arc of Fire.
- The Torpedoes have a Fixed Channel.

**NOTE:** This model may also be chosen as an Escort model if desired during Fleet List Creation. Taken as an Escort the model follows the standard rules for Escorts in the main **Dystopian Wars** rulebook.



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### UGGISORE GLASS TORPEDO ASSAULT GRAFT

Minimum Move: 0"
Turning Template: 360 Degree

Squadron Size: Variable
TINY CLASS NAVAL MODEL

Model Assigned Rules: Hit and Run, Pack Hunter, Tiny Target.

The Torpedoes have a Fixed Channel.



#### TINY FLYER TOKENS

RANGE BAND	Move	AD	Ack Ack
Fighter Plane	16"	0	2
Recon Plane	16"	0	1
Dive Bomber	12"	3	1
Torpedo Bomber	12"	3	1

#### **TINY FLYER TOKEN ASSIGNED RULES**

**BIG FUEL TANKS (Fighter Planes)** 

For each hit this Tiny Flyer Wing suffers, that is **NOT** a *Destroyed* result, roll **1D6**. On a **5** or **6** ignore the hit.

#### **FASTER TORPEDOES (Torpedo Bombers)**

Any model using *Defensive Fire* **Concussion Charges (CC)** against *Ordnance* from this Tiny Flyer Wing **MUST** re-roll all successes and accept the new results.

### SUPERIOR ENGINE (Torpedo Bombers)

This Tiny Flyer Wing increases its maximum movement allowance by 2".

#### WELL TRAINED (Fighter Planes)

If attached as a Combat Air Patrol, this Tiny Flyer Wing CAN use Linked Fire with its Parent Model but ONLY against a Boarding Assault.