



The Serenity Handbook

THE OFFICIAL CREW MEMBER'S GUIDE TO
THE FIREFLY-CLASS SERIES 3 SHIP



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Welcome aboard *Serenity*, the finest ship to ever sail the black!

This old girl has seen plenty of action in these few years since the captain brought her back to life. More than most in her class were built to handle, I reckon. But thanks to the help of a dedicated crew (and Jayne), we've managed to keep her afloat. And she's done the same for us.

If you're plannin' on signin' on to this crew—and the fact that you're botherin' to read this book suggests that you may in fact be—you need to know that *Serenity* is more than just a ship. She's one of us. Family. And like us, she's got her good days and her bad, so understandin' what will make her engines purr again might make all the difference in the 'Verse when the Alliance is breathin' up our exhaust port.

That's why I decided to compile this here manual, to give anyone on board—passengers and crew members alike—the opportunity to get acquainted with *Serenity*'s every nook and cranny. As it turns out, I ain't the only one who's got somethin' to say about our girl. The entire crew—from the captain to the Shepherd—chipped in to give their two credits. Thanks to them, you're guaranteed to have everythin' you need to know about how to fly her, how to fix her, and, most important, how to treat her right.

I'm sure there are fancier tech guides out there that'll tell you how to purge a clogged hydraulic line or which wrench you'll need to install a new catalyzer, but keepin' a ship runnin' is about more than just fixin' its parts. It's about healin' its soul.

That may not make sense yet, but once you get to know *Serenity*, it will. Hope you stick around long enough to find out why.

Stay shiny,

Kaylee

Serenity

Ship's Manual

by the crew



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Welcome to Serenity

Ever meet someone for the first time but reckon you've known 'em for your entire life? That's how I felt, first I laid eyes on Serenity.

Ain't the only time I'd happened across a Series 3 Firefly, course. Seen plenty of 'em—the military kind—during the war. They raced through the skies to take arms 'gainst the Alliance and rained back through the atmo in pieces. They weren't designed to fight, but they tried hard as hell. No shame in that.

Maybe that's what drew me to this ship back when I spied her in that boneyard on Hera. She was a kindred spirit, willin' to fly high against all odds.

Whatever shape she was in, whoever had ridden her into the ground and left her for dead, don't matter much. Serenity may have just been a broken-down mid-bulk transport to the average eye, but I seen in her what no one else could—potential.

Ain't no secret a Firefly is a good, reliable ship, 'specially a Series 3. Book will tell you about the smooth ride. Kaylee will ramble on for hours about the upgraded engines. Even the Alliance will admit that this model is a smuggler's dream. That's all well and good, but ain't none of those the reasons why I chose her.

To me, Serenity aimed to be more than just a ride from one point of the 'Verse to another. She was a chance to regain everythin' we had been fightin' for. This boat would let us chart our own course. With the right crew, we could take jobs as we chose, never livin' under nobody's heel ever again.

She certainly ain't about to win no beauty contests. Then again, neither am I. But freedom? Can't say I've ever found anything prettier than that.

—Mal

Or it might've been 'cause she was tragically humped and desperate for love.
—Zoë

So, they are kindred spirits after all.
—Inara



BILL OF SALE

CLASSIFICATIONS:

CLASS: 03-K64 FIREFLY

TYPE: MID-BULK TRANSPORT (CLASS B)

REGISTRATION: U.A.P./HERA

REGISTRY NUMBER: 404-E-132-4FE274A

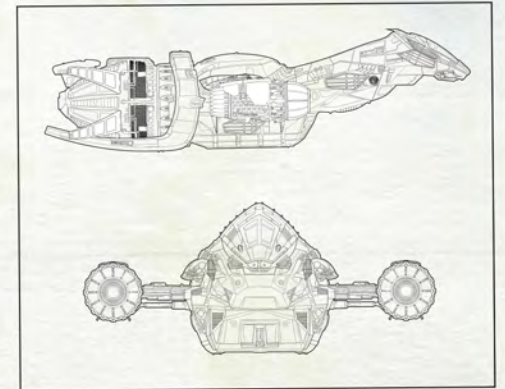
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MANUFACTURER:

- ALLIED SPACECRAFT CORP., OSIRIS
- FIREFLY SHIP WORKS, LTD., HERA
- MANDEL & EARLS, LTD., LONDINIUM

MANUFACTURER MODEL NO.: 47 MARK IV

HULL LAID: AUGUST 2459



SPECIFICATIONS:

DRIVE: STANDARD RADION/ACCELERATOR CORE

STANDARD ACCELERATION: 4.2 G

SHIP LENGTH: 269' 3" (82.1 M)

SHIP WIDTH: 170' 0" (51.8 M)

SHIP HEIGHT: 78' 8" (24.0 M)

WEIGHT: 282,500 LB.
(128.1 METRIC TON)

MAX WEIGHT: 585,000 LB.
(265.4 METRIC TON)

MAX PAYLOAD: 164,900 LB.
(74.8 METRIC TON)

CAPACITY: 5 CREW/18 PASSENGERS

INCLUDED IN SALE:

ENDO-/EXO-ATMOSPHERIC SHUTTLES

CONDITION:

CURRENTLY NONOPERATIONAL

SIGNATURE:

Malcom Reynolds

PURCHASE INFORMATION:

OWNER OR SHIP'S MASTER:
MALCOM REYNOLDS

PURCHASE PRICE (STANDARD CREDITS):
ON FILE

SHIP NAME (IF CHANGED): "SERENITY"
DATE OF TRANSFER: 16 JANUARY, 2512

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DATE:

16 January 2515

CREW PROFILE: *The Captain*

Name's Malcolm Reynolds. Folks just call me Mal. You can call me Captain. Serenity is my boat, and if you're on board, you're under my command, plain and simple. That don't sit well with you, then you best be findin' another ship on which to sit.

Wasn't always out here, lost in the sky. Some time back, I had my boots planted firmly on the ground. But I was lost in something else—an idea. One much bigger than me that I reckoned was worth fightin' for. And boy, did I fight. S'pose that's the one thing I've always been good at. Winnin', on the other hand, that don't always come quite as natural.

It might've been called the Unification War, but don't let that fool ya. It lasted for five long years and ripped the 'Verse apart along the way. When I marched into Serenity Valley, I had every intention of makin' sure that the war came to an end. Never crossed my mind it might mean layin' down my arms and handing the Alliance their victory. The Independent army was ordered to surrender that day, but I've never been one for fallin' in line. If the planets couldn't be free, I fathomed I'd go to the one place where I knew I could be. Out here.

Back during the war, I was a sergeant, not a captain. But things ain't really all that different. Still have a group of loyal soldiers willin' to follow me to hell and back for one reason alone: to do what's right. Not just for us, but for them that's been wronged. Didn't learn that from the war. Learned it from my mother back on Shadow.

You got a problem, I'll be aimin' to help much as I can. You become a problem, though, I'll be aimin' to end it—and maybe you—right quick, döng ma? Already got plenty problems myself, thank you kindly. But, after all I seen, maybe I should be glad I still got something I can call my own.

—Mal



Not for lack of tryin', sir.
—Zoë

Are any of us ever truly free?
—Book

I know
Inara ain't.
Trust me. I've inquired.
—Jayne

For you, Jayne.
I'd charge triple.
—Inara

"Captain Mal's Boy."
Ain't that just precious.
—Jayne

Not as precious as your hat.
—Wash

CRIMINAL PROFILE: REYNOLDS, MALCOLM

尼伦·雷诺兹，马尔·雷诺兹

NAME: Malcolm Reynolds
GENDER: Male
DOB: 2468|09|20
SOCIAL CONTROL #: 099,836,5,4112

Son of a rancher, born on the planet Shadow.

HEIGHT: 6'2"
WEIGHT: 215 lbs.
HAIR: Brown
EYES: Blue

WAR RECORD:
Captain
Independent Army
57th Brigade
Volunteer
AWARDED VALOR COMMENDATION:
Battle of Serenity Valley

BOUND BY LAW FIVE TIMES:
• Smuggling
• Tariff dodging
• Transporting illegal cargo

NO CONVICTIONS.

SUSPECTED OF:
• Theft of Alliance goods
• Conspiring with known criminals
• Harboring fugitives

CURRENT OCCUPATION:
Captain, 03-K64-Firefly-Class Mid-Bulk Transport, "Serenity"

KNOWN ALIASES:
• "Captain Harbatkin"
• "Miles Arixoen, M.D."

KNOWN ASSOCIATES:
• Zoë Alleyne Washburne
• Hoban Washburne
• Jayne Cobb
• Kaywinnet Lee Frye
• Inara Serra (Registered Companion)
• Derrial Book (Shepherd)

SUSPECTED ASSOCIATES:
• Simon Tam-FUGITIVE
• River Tam-FUGITIVE

ALLIANCE PERSON OF INTEREST

CAUTION LEVEL:

EXTREMELY HIGH



FORMER SITE OF
BLUE SUN/UAP
ATMOSPHERE
PROCESSOR



WESTERN TIP OF
MERCER HOLLY
ORE VEINS

SERENITY VIEW
TOWNSHIP

START OF BADLANDS

SERENITY VALLEY

SENTINEL
DOME

EARTH THAT
WAS MEMORIAL

SERENIDADE RIVER

Hera
Serenity Valley

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"You ever sail in a Firefly?"

The Allied Spacecraft Corporation's Firefly-class transport ship has become a favorite among smugglers on the Rim worlds since the Independence War. The spacecraft's many nooks, crannies, and hidden compartments give it an incredible cargo capacity, and its speed and small size make it the perfect getaway vehicle.

But not all Firefly transports are made alike and, as revealed in this crew-created manual, the Series 3 *Serenity* is shinier than the rest of 'em. Featuring in-depth technical blueprints, personal mementos, and quippy commentary from Mal, Kaylee, and the rest of the crew, *The Serenity Handbook* dives deep into the heart of the beloved *Firefly* and celebrates the series' legacy.



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