

MUTINY ON THE HIGH SEAS



CHECKMATE 7:28 OCT-08 DEC 1988

The highlight of our trip began with a late night call on 30 NOV to proceed and assist the U.S. F/V GULF STAR off the coast of Honduras. The master was reporting that the crew was attempting to mutiny. Reports were that one person had been shot and another stabbed. The master and mate had locked themselves in the pilot house and were holding the other three crewmen at bay with a gun while steaming north to intercept us. We arrived on scene and conducted a first light boarding, re-

stored order, placed three crewmen under arrest, put a custody crew aboard the vessel, and escorted them back to Key West for further transfer to the FBI. After a full investigation into the surrounding circumstances, the Federal Prosecutors decided that the master did not have a sufficient case, and two of the three crewmen were released. The third was held due to an outstanding warrant for a previous charge.

