

QUARTERMASTERS



Quartermasters (QM). Quartermasters (figure 25-1) are assigned to all types of ships and serve in the pilothouse, on the bridge, or signal bridge, or in the charthouse. A quartermaster takes care of the ship's navigation publications, charts, and tables; he or she must know how to use and care for navigational instruments. He or she trains and supervises helmsmen, checks bearings and soundings, and plots course. He or she must know whistle, bell, and light signals, Rules of the Road, visual communications, blinker signaling, semaphore, and signal flags.

