

# DECK FORCE



The seamen on the deck force working under the guidance of the BM's are responsible for maintaining all the deck gear as well as standing bridge watches.

As dayworkers they are busy lowering or raising one of the small boats, preparing for UNREPs or doing the usual chipping or painting that is needed to keep the big white one white.

While standing watches on the bridge they are responsible as helmsman, messenger, and port and starboard lookouts.

Their usual day begins at 0730. It is spent chipping down rust spots and covering them with green death, red lead, and white paint. They sometimes get a break to help bring alongside an 82 footer for fuel and water. In general they act as the nucleus of all operations on deck.



Front: SN Dave Grant, BM3 Ron Mealey, SN Rich Hale, SN Glen "Leaky" Le La Cheur. Rear: SA Mike Sudduth, SA Dave Rinehart, SA Paul Marcoccia.