

# DECK DEPARTMENT



The deck department on board SOUTHWIND is comprised of two separate sections known as 1st and 2nd Divisions. This breakdown was set up to ensure more effective control and performance of the 60 plus men assigned to deck and ship's maintenance.

The deck ratings — Boatswain's Mate, Gunner's Mate, and Seaman — perform many functions vital to SOUTHWIND's well-being.

The Boatswain's Mates and Seamen

are responsible for the cleanliness of most living spaces on board, in addition to all exterior deck space. They chip, wirebrush and grind down SOUTHWIND's exterior surface and are constantly applying new coats of paint to make her one of the best dressed ladies afloat. Through the efforts of these men SOUTHWIND's small boats and deck machinery, with the exception of motors, engines and their electrical components, are maintained. They are primarily responsible for the mooring, unmooring, anchoring, and all deck work associated with the vessel's movement.

All in all the hardworking men of these divisions perform an enormous task and without their services SOUTHWIND would be unable to function as an effective unit.



Cleaning up the old bucket



"D1" Back Row (Right to Left) ENS. Stephen C. Patterson, SA Clarence E. More, SA Harold C. Ferguson, SA David I. Jacobs, SA Royal S. Walter, SA James D. Gaskins, SA Ritner G. Goff, SN Michael S. Sillix, GM1 David R. Ferland, BM1 Dennis W. Harrington, and ENS. Paul L. Barger.

Front Row (Right to Left) SA John A. Brazell, SA Frank (n) Alexander, SN Thomas H. Roberts, SA Robert M. Lowry, SN Gary E. Merrill, SN Edward J. Hauser, SA David W. Berger, and BM3 Michael N. J. Wright.