

BOERGER serves in his capacity as rig captain with calm professionalism. Forward, on the fuel rig, speed merchant Max WILLIS usually has his men jumping. The result has been a new rigging time (6 minutes) record with one particular supply ship, the USS CHIPOLA. The name "USCGC SPENCER" is emblazoned on the CHIPOLA's record board for all to see.

Having taken part in countless Underway Replenishments during the WESTPAC deployment, the SPENCER's crew has become extremely proficient in the art of high lining. So, if you want to get a SPENCER veteran excited, for heaven's sake don't mention "high line", he might fall asleep.



## VERTREP

Over the squawkbox comes the pipe, "All hands to flight quarters". No it's not the Enterprise or the Bon Homme Richard. It's our own USCGC SPENCER. The SPENCER's version of "flight quarters" pertains to stations manned during vertical Replenishment, or VERTREP.

Not as complicated as the UNREP, a VERTREP occurs once a month for the replenishment of large quantities of food and essential spare parts. In this operation, the supply ship simply employs a helicopter to transfer the supplies from one ship to the other. An enormous amount of stores can be transferred in a matter of minutes. The helicopter simply deposits the goodies on the SPENCER's fantail and sheer manpower does the rest.