

PROVIDING THE POWER



What are "snipes"? They are a rare breed of creatures found almost exclusively at sea. Not able to adjust to bright sunlight, these creatures spend most of their time toiling deep within the bowels of the ship. They are responsible for the operation and maintenance of literally all the machinery which is vital to any kind of mechanical operation aboard the SPENCER. Four species of this strange breed can be found on the SPENCER by an industrious snipewatcher.

Probably the easiest to locate would be the "Snipus Damage Controllus", commonly known as the DC. He is the veritable jack-of-all-trades, being familiar with the theory, techniques, skills, and equipment of firefighting, chemical warfare, carpentry, and painting. One may find the DC doing anything from poking a sounding tape into a water tank to welding and burning.

One can also easily locate the "Snipus Electrus". The EM, as he is called, is in charge of general lighting and power distribution aboard ship. He installs, maintains, and repairs generators, electric motors, and searchlights, among other things. Not an uncommon prelude to a night boarding condition was the pipe, "Duty EM, lay to the bridge". An EM on the SPENCER is by now the world's foremost authority on carbon arc searchlights.

