MAT’s Maritime Themed Crossword

Clues Across
5. Spring flower; OR requisitioned train ship mined about 15km north of Dieppe on 17/03/1945. (8)
7. & 13. Organisation protecting and caring for historic monuments in one of the Home Countries. (7) & (8)

Clues Down
1. Chalk rocks off the Isle of Wight, notorious for causing wrecks. (7)
2. Small fishes, being a mainstay catch for a south coast fishing port from mid-16th to the mid-20th century. (9)
3. Very steep. (5)
**Clues Across**

9. South African currency. (4)
10. The shore of a body of water. (5)
12. Aberdeenshire River (3)
14. Additional (5)
15. Limestone peninsula in Dorset; OR a major harbour at Weymouth. (8)
18. Traditional RN ration. (3)
19. Type of small sailing vessel. (4)
21. A measure of 18 across. (3)
22. One of the nebulae in the Milky Way. (5)
24. A reference mark or point, an example being one established at Malin Head and another derived at Newlyn. (5)
25. Essential part of a helicopter; OR rotating part of an electric motor. (5)
27. Emergency (1), (1), (1).
28. Biblical vessel (3)
29. Word often used to describe a large sailing vessel. (4)
30. A friend (5)
32. Typography styles. (5)
34. Female name; OR British built Norwegian cargo steamer torpedoed on 24/01/1918. (4)
35. Animal featured extensively in the Great War. (5)
37. Formerly canvas, now usually polyester or nylon, shaped for a vessel propellant. (4)
38. Military or naval flag or standard (6)
41. Cargo vessels usually towed. (6)
43. Port city, former coaling station for steamships, and recently a war zone. (4)
44. Ridge on the back of the answer to 37 across. (7)
45. Naval weapon of war. (7)
46. Paper folding craft. (7)
49. One half of Danish-Dutch popular singing duo of the late 1950s and early 1960s; OR British Drifter, built 1904, requisitioned as a Patrol Drifter in the First World War, believed mined on 2/08/1917. (4)
51. South coast village with yachting marina; OR where parents erected a memorial in a local church for their son & crew. (6)
52. A sediment obstruction across an estuary. (3)
53. An object or image worshipped as the representation of a deity or God. (4)
54. Part of article of clothing; OR pre-Dreadnought battleship sunk as block ship at southerly entrance to answer to 18 across. (4)
55. Term used in 19th and early 20th centuries pre-wireless when arriving at port to report identity of another vessel which was observed at sea. (4)
57. A digit! (3)

**Clues Down**

4. In which World War was the Silver War Badge awarded? (5)
5. Irish county with town of same name; OR a British steamship sunk south of Selsey on 17/04/1917. (7)
6. Absorbent material for incontinence; OR name of a WW2 operation out of the answer to 41 down. (6)
8. Village in the borough of Hartlepool; OR steamship sunk on 22/02/1917 SE from Dartmouth. (8)
10. The UK's only identified submerged Mesolithic occupation site. (8) & (5)
11. Apparent intersection of the sky and the earth. (5)
16. Steam driven hospital ship beached 23/03/1917, then used as ammunition hulk then rebuilt as a cruise ship until 1933. (8)
17. Part of a corporate statement; OR an important assignment.
18. Believed to mean a marsh or a lake at a reedy place, an example being in Cheshire; OR requisitioned steamer/collier torpedoed on 28/10/1917 south of the Isle of Wight. (9)
20. Conflict (3) and one of the ____ of the Round Table (6); OR steamship sunk at Watcombe Bay, Isle of Wight on 24/03/1918. (8)
22. Device for tightening ropes, chains etc (6)
28. Distinctive quality generated, for example, by a person. (4)
31. Depart. (2)
32. Metal with atomic number 47. (6)
36. Type of sailing vessel. (8)
39. South coast city port operated by the Americans for part of the Second World War. (11)
40. Tide when there is least difference between high and low water. (4)
41. Cargo vessels usually towed. (6)
42. Small town in Sangli District, India; OR British cargo steamer torpedoed on 2/07/1918. (8)
43. Essential device to evacuate water from a hold. (4)
44. Commander or first officer of a ship. (6)
48. You might need to do this if short of drinking water at sea. (6)
49. One half of the structure used pre-radar by ship's lookout. (4)
50. Abbreviation for a naval rating in the deck department of a merchant vessel. (1), (1)
52. Another name for a cobble stone. (4)
55. An object or image worshipped as the representation of a deity or God. (4)
56. Fast, manoeuvrable naval ship used, inter alia, for escort. (9)
58. Type of sailing vessel; OR anti-submarine vessel in WWII. (5)
59. Name given to nine Church of England churches in this area east of Salisbury; OR wooden, subsequently copper sheathed Merchant Sailing Ship, built 1823 at Chepstow, wrecked 11/10/1836 at Blackgang Chine, Isle of Wight. Three survivors from 28 on board. (9)