

Our first Maritime themed crossword met expectations and MAT volunteer, Roger Burns, has created another one for you to test your nautical knowledge.

The first crossword was thought a “bit tricky” by some of you, and we think that this one is a “bit easier”! There are some vessels as before, but this time there are more general nautical clues, some historical ones, and a couple of “linking” clues which have no nautical association.

So, download and print and test your knowledge. As previously, you have plenty of time to test yourself as the answers, together with a variety of weblinks associated with the answers, will be posted next month. Enjoy!

MAT's 2nd Maritime Themed Crossword

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Clues Across

5. Vertical spar supporting sails. (4)
9. Carved wooden adornment on a ship's bow. (10)
11. Initials of volunteer naval reserve force created in 1903. (1,1,1,1)
12. and 27D. Feature of boat design, typically for lifeboats, whereby an overturning event is corrected. (4-8)
13. Name of an airship which ended in disaster with 36 deaths. (10)
15. Although not the only person undertaking early development of wireless, this person was associated with developing commercial wireless. (7)
18. Second of a two-word expression originally used to refer to seamen of the Merchant or Royal Navy, particularly during the period of the British Empire. (3)
19. First word of a two-word expression for a money lender charging very high interest rates. (4)
21. British term for a type of Second World War German passive acoustic torpedo. (4)
23. Name of a shipping related registry for over 260 years. (6)
24. King Edward III levied a tax on imported wine carried within this container weighing about 2,240lb. (3)
28. Many ships serviced this land war and also voyaged in the First World War. (4)
29. Three letter prefix for a word that means equal depths in water. (3)
31. Abbreviated word which is and was a danger to shipping in cold waters. (4)
32. and 23D. Name of a creek at Gosport. (6,4)
36. An instrument for measuring time accurately in spite of motion or variations in temperature, humidity, and air pressure, and was of vital importance at sea. (11)
39. Typically, this occurs when the normal water temperature decreasing with depth reverses. (9)
41. Name of a ship's load line. (8)
44. A navigational instrument, typically observing the angle between the horizon and an astronomical object. (7)
45. A measurement north or south of the equator. (7)

Clues Down

1. A device atop prominent buildings at ports to provide accurate time in days gone by. (4,4)
2. A region of breaking waves is named the ____ zone. (4)
3. and 30. The world's oldest surviving sea washed lighthouse off the Scottish coast. (4,4)
4. and 25A. A British mass organised assembly held three times in India, late 19th and early 20th century. (5,6)
6. Name of sailing vessel wrecked at Typet Ledge, Isle of Wight, on 19/02/1897; OR Warwickshire market town. (8)
7. Gothenburg built steam collier, lost 15/02/1918 off SW Cornwall; OR one of the Åland Islands. (7)
8. A two-masted sailing vessel. (10)
10. Material keeping cargoes positioned in ships' holds (6)
14. A type of warehouse at ports, also typically used by the Scotch whisky industry. (6)
16. An inexperienced recruit in any walk of life. (6)
17. A small, low-elevation, sandy island on the surface of a coral reef. (3)
22. A northern Chilean desert was the only known source from which this cargo was carried to Europe from Chile by sailing vessels and steamships. (8)
26. Type of fish, mainly in freshwater but also brackish habitats. (5)
28. A Swedish derived gun widely used in the Second World War on land and at sea.
33. Isle of Wight village near which wireless was developed. (5)
34. These are used in many applications, including, typically, near and along the luff edge of sails. (7)
35. This preserved Naval sailing ship is almost 200 years old and is now a museum and visitor attraction. (7)
37. The name of the first naval ship of the Racecourse Class of Minesweepers, and the last ship to be sunk in the First World War. (5)
38. A narrow stretch of sea, typically connected to a larger mass of water, such as a sea or ocean. (5)
40. One of the cardinal directions. (4)
42. The side of a vessel nearest the land when there is an onshore wind. (3)
43. and 20A. British built, French owned Fishing Vessel "The Wave", lost off Vellan Head and which ran aground on rocks on 08/06/1915. (2,5)