

MAT volunteer Roger Burns has created another crossword to test your maritime and nautical knowledge. As before, the clues, ranging between the easier to the more difficult, are a mixture of maritime and nautical knowledge, with some “linking” words. Many of the answers feature on the MAT or Shipwreck Centre and Museum websites. Answers including associated weblinks will be posted next month. Download, print and test yourself. Enjoy!

MAT's 3rd Maritime-Themed Crossword

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Clues Across

2. There is one at Cardiff Bay; OR, an array of defensive balloons in war (7)
4. British cargo steamer hit by a torpedo and sunk in two sections near the Needles in 1918 (7)
9. British steamship torpedoed WW1 west of St. Ives; OR an 1814 exile island (4)
11. Name of a gold coin usually minted in Spain or Spanish America (8)
12. Vital, mostly visible component of a hovercraft (5)
13. Famous British warship now open to the public in a south coast drydock (7)
15. See 47 down
16. British steamship torpedoed and sunk off south east of the Lizard in 1917. (6)
17. Soul or spirit in the afterlife. (5)
18. Extension say of a ship's bridge. (4)
19. Group of piling in water; OR an aquatic animal. (7)
20. South coast harbour and fishing port. (7)
22. Farewell! (3)
24. Alternative (2)
25. Coastal stretch north-west of Portland encompassing Protected Wrecks (6,5)
29. First RNLI female coxswain (2,4)
33. Lifeboat which capsized in tragic circumstances on the south coast in October 1916, drowning 13 of the 15 crew (7,3,4)
35. Port in south west Spain. (6)
37. Wooden sailing ship launched 1838, and sank 1852 in Eastern Solent (6,2,4)
39. This two-masted schooner foundered off Dorset in 1881 (5)
40. Area of submerged peat deposits, named after the adjacent area of north west France (11)
43. The oil from coconut (5)
46. Common grey or white bird which does not venture far from land (7)
50. Propellants used in the Boat Race (4)
52. Chilean port (10)
- 55 and 60 down. This ship launched in 1929 saw service in WW1 and the June 1940 evacuations from France, and, requisitioned as a troop carrier, sank south of Nab tower (6, 7)
58. Major Black Sea port (10)
61. Shortened name of a genre of vessel predominant in the 19th through to mid-20th century (7)
63. Reversing direction, say, go ----- (6)
64. Fly upwards (4)
65. Ahead (5)
67. Last two letters of 57 down (2)
69. Hand-held propellant for a small craft (6)

Clues Down

1. Payment for services rendered (3)
2. Semi-aquatic rodent; OR small-scale dam builder (6)
3. Name of a sea-washed structure south west of Plymouth (9)
4. A celestial object used for navigational purposes (3)
5. Eight Royal Navy ships have borne this name (7)
6. A French north-west province which featured extensively in WW2 (8)
7. A trawler, name extended in WW1 by the Admiralty during special operations (5,3)
8. WW1 requisitioned steamship destined to be a block ship but sank having broken its moorings in a gale and sank; OR a Scottish town (8)
10. WW1 British steamship torpedoed, sinking just off Ventnor (4)
14. Not out (2)
15. See 73 across
20. Open craft, usually small (4)
21. Centre part of a propeller (3)
22. Widest part of a ship's hull (4)
23. Term when a vessel, often a sailing vessel, is unable to put to the open sea due to ambient conditions such as onshore wind (7)
26. 1703 Great Storm wreck; OR defensive historical structure in central Scotland (8,6)
27. Sea or ocean water (5)
28. Radar counter-measure material (5)
30. 1916 wreck, west of Dungeness Light House, following collision with a steamship; OR, a lady's name. (5)
31. Viking anchorage, UK naval base WW1&2, littered with wrecks from WW1 (5,4)
32. A user of 50 across (5)
34. Second of two words describing a very experienced sailor (3)
36. Initials designating a naval hospital ship. (1,1,1,1)
38. Mining product, probably once exported from 52 across (3)
41. Dining area (4)
42. An archaic term for the fullest part of the bow of a ship (4)
- 44 and 76 across. Mediterranean port. (4,4)
45. Near the stern of a vessel (3)
- 47 and 15 across. Requisitioned paddle steamer used as a troop carrier, which ran aground on Isle of Wight in 1916. (7,5)
48. Deep valley in the Scottish Highlands (4)
49. Launched in 1863 as the Victoria Cross, this renamed vessel went ashore on the Isle of Wight in 1900, ex Freemantle for London. (7)
51. Brigantine launched 1860 in Rye, sunk by U-53 in 1917 south of Selsey; OR an ideally perfect place (6)
53. Name of a Passenger Ferry lost on the Casquets in 1899; OR lady's name (6)

72. British steamship which foundered in heavy seas, then sank under tow in 1917 north of St. Ives (5)
73. Name of a series of Neolithic trackways off the beach near Fishbourne, Isle of Wight (7, 5)
74. Relating to warships, ships or shipping (5)
75. Abrupt rush of wind (4)
76. See 44 down.
77. Infamous criminal apprehended in 1910 after a sea voyage in 8 across as a result of application of relatively new technology (2, 7)
54. Of or relating to shipping, navigation etc (6)
56. Hired trawler in WW1, sunk off Kingsgate, Kent in 1915 (7)
57. Experimental engined naval vessel, launched 1902, lost 1915; OR Latin for "swift" (5)
59. British steamship, lost south west of the Eddystone in 1917 (5)
60. See 55 across.
62. Blend or combine (4)
66. Eastern England wetland landscape (4)
68. Cargo carrying space (4)
70. The ---- sea where light begins to fade (4)
72. A light ship's boat, often reserved for the captain (3)
71. Royal Navy Frigate, 5th Rate which sank in Scratchell's Bay, Isle of Wight in 1705. (4)