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MAT's 10th Maritime-Themed Crossword Clues

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Apart from publications and the internet, MAT websites to assist you are Forgotten Wrecks at <https://map.forgottenwrecks.org/> AND [D- Day: Stories from the Walls](#) AND [The Needles Voyager](#) as part of UnPath'd Waters AND the [Shipwreck Centre and Maritime Museum](#) AND the Discovery Hub at <https://maritimearchaeologytrust.org/discovery-hub/>

Clues Across	Clues Down
<p>4. Historical computing device whose keys, singly or in combination, created holes in cards or paper tape. (8)</p> <p>8. Used in WW2 by the American Red Cross, these vehicles were, in Britain, conversions from London's Green Line Bus Company. (11)</p> <p>12. A plump bird resembling a small woodpecker with a long bill. (8)</p> <p>14. A religious doctrine that is proclaimed as true without proof. (5)</p> <p>16. Unusual. (5)</p> <p>20. In the age of sail, a member supporting sails. (4)</p> <p>22. Hammock-like bed with a stiff frame; OR fingerstall. (3)</p> <p>23 & 24 – see 56D.</p> <p>25. British trawler sunk by mine in June 1917 south of Beachy Head; OR large island in SW part of the Pacific Ocean. (6)</p> <p>26. Similar in character or quality (4)</p> <p>28. When one boat betters another at sea. (8)</p> <p>29. A well known strait with a double high tide. (6)</p> <p>31. See 19D.</p> <p>33. These, wooden, wrought iron or steel, may be used in ships as strengthening brackets wherever needed. (5)</p> <p>35. German built cargo steamer, taken over by the Admiralty, torpedoed by UC-75 in April 1918 south of Bognor Regis; OR market town near Newbury. (10)</p> <p>37. Edge tools used to cut and shape wood. (5)</p> <p>38. Enthusiastic approval. (7)</p> <p>45. Centre of a cambered road; OR dentistry cap. (5)</p> <p>47. British cargo steamer mined and sunk in April 1916 south of Folkestone; OR title of a nautical song by, among others, Paul Robeson. (10)</p> <p>48. 1885 Scottish built steam dredger mined and sunk February 1915 near Newhaven; OR a Fife seaside town. (5)</p> <p>50. See 3D.</p> <p>52. Pungent. (5)</p> <p>53. Name of a busy port circa AD70 on the River Itchen, and name used by a steam shunting locomotive 1890 in Southampton Docks until 1901. (10)</p> <p>54. Extremity, terminal point, cap. (5)</p> <p>55. Perhaps. (3)</p> <p>56. Bright star in Canis Major. (6)</p> <p>58. Adornment from a watch chain; OR deceive someone. (3)</p> <p>59. Utter in grating voice; OR type of file. (4)</p> <p>61. Three performers together. (4)</p> <p>62. Computer glitch. (3)</p> <p>63. Expect, anticipate, look forward. (5)</p> <p>66. Ridge of sand; OR type of buggy. (4)</p> <p>68. Whatever happens to be available. (7)</p> <p>69. Type of construction where ship's hull planks or plates are built flush. (6)</p> <p>70. British cargo steamer, built 1898, torpedoed September 1918 and sank SSW of Portland Bill; OR, a female name. (5)</p> <p>72. German built cargo steamer taken over by the Admiralty, torpedoed December 1917 ExN Start Point; OR Baltic region divided between northern Estonia and southern Latvia. (7)</p> <p>73. Rope on a square rigged ship to rotate a yard around the mast; OR part of an expression on board associated with a rum tot. (5)</p> <p>75. Linear measure of 16.5 feet. (4)</p> <p>76 & 9D. Structure to aid navigation at western end of 29A. (7,10)</p>	<p>1. Name of marque of British Fighter-Bomber which crashed into the sea July 1946 between Alum Bay and the Needles IoW. (8)</p> <p>2. Zilch (3)</p> <p>3, 27, 30 & 50A. A vessel unable to function; OR, something which has failed, probably for ever. (4, 2, 3, 5)</p> <p>4. British steamship torpedoed by UC-48 in May 1917 west of the Lizard; OR a Scottish burgh south of Perth. (7)</p> <p>5. Ape like creature said to live in the Himalayas. (4)</p> <p>6. These represent pitch and duration of a musical sound. (5)</p> <p>7, 10, 13, 17 & 21. Launched 1899, used as ferry between UK and Ireland, requisitioned when war broke out, sunk by a mine November 1915, SE of Folkestone, this ship's name is Latin for England. (1,1,1,1, 6)</p> <p>9. See 76A.</p> <p>11. Draw out, elicit, construe, derive. (5)</p> <p>15. Person with white hair and milky skin, usually pink eyes. (6)</p> <p>18. A longitudinal course of planking or plating on a vessel's hull that runs from the stempost to the sternpost or transom. (6)</p> <p>19 & 31A. Palmerston building on Isle of Wight. (4, 8)</p> <p>27. See 3D.</p> <p>28. Any willow with pliable twigs for basketry or furniture. (5)</p> <p>32. Naval gun-brig, built 1805, went ashore in 1807 near the Needles in Alum Bay but survived, eventually became a lazarette in 1842 at Liverpool; OR said by RSPB to be the UK's favourite bird. (9)</p> <p>34. Theatrical productions; OR Scaffold systems. (8)</p> <p>35, 41, 42, 47 & 49. Named after a commune in NW France, this ship was built for passenger service Southampton to St. Malo and rebuilt after WW2 as a ferry, it was requisitioned on 2/08/1939 and used in the Normandy landings. (1, 1, 1, 1, 6)</p> <p>36. A device to absorb kinetic energy of a vessel against a quay wall or other vessel. (6)</p> <p>39. A fishing smack mined and sunk off the Eddystone Rocks; OR a glamorous shrub with white, pink or red flowers. (8)</p> <p>43. See 56D.</p> <p>44. Someone who lives and works on land, as opposed to the sea. (10)</p> <p>46. A 70-gun 3rd rate ship, one of four lost in the 1703 Great Storm on the Goodwins, now a Protected Wreck; OR a northern English county. (14)</p> <p>49. See 35D.</p> <p>51. A recognized leader in some field or some movement. (4)</p> <p>55. Sunderland built French cargo steamer, torpedoed June 1917 SW of Portland Bill; OR female name. (10)</p> <p>56, 43, 23A & 24A. In good and seamanlike order. (9,3, 7,7)</p> <p>57 & 58D. Dundee built steamer, requisitioned used by RN as a Q-Ship, torpedoed July 1918 and eventually sunk off Bolt Tail, Bigbury Bay. (5,5)</p> <p>58. See 57D.</p> <p>60. Kingsbridge built ketch, stopped by UB-23 June 1917 and sunk by gunnery; OR Female name associated with Pride. (8)</p> <p>64. Expression given to any navigable body of water. (8)</p> <p>65. In the direction of. (2)</p> <p>67. F-Class destroyer built 1907, mined and sank February 1917 four miles SE of Dungeness; OR soldier from Nepal or North India. (6)</p> <p>71. British steamship built 1905, collided with the SS <i>Darro</i> and sank on February 1917 south of St. Catherine's Point, now a Protected wreck. (5)</p> <p>73. Musical rhythm (4)</p>

<p>78. Same meaning as 54A. (3)</p> <p>80. Selby built trawler hired by the Admiralty for minesweeping duties, struck a mine and sank March 1918 off East Sussex; OR impure form of quartz used, inter alia, as a gemstone. (5)</p> <p>81. Place end to end, for form of construction in 69A. (4)</p> <p>82. 1910 British cargo steamer struck a mine and sank May 1917 south east of Eastbourne; OR European capital city. (6)</p> <p>83. Plugs for holes in barrels. (5)</p>	<p>74. Aromatic plant used in cookery. (4)</p> <p>77. Weep convulsively. (3)</p> <p>79. Bother persistently. (3)</p>
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