

Volunteer Roger Burns has created our 14th crossword which features 26 shipwrecks, each one beginning with a different letter of the alphabet. The usual “link” words comprise a mixture of general knowledge words, with some being maritime or nautical related. Answers including associated weblinks will be posted next month, so download, print, and test your maritime and general knowledge.

MAT's 14th Maritime Themed Crossword – Clues

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24 of the ships can be found on one of the following MAT websites: <https://maritimearchaeologytrust.org/ddaywalls> OR <https://maritimearchaeologytrust.org/projects-research/forgotten-wrecks-of-the-first-world-war/> OR <https://maritimearchaeologytrust.org/unpathd-waters/> OR <https://maritimearchaeologytrust.org/projects-research/> OR in a blog. Of the remaining two, one was built at Sunderland, the other at Blackwall. Answers are for the final names if renamed during service.

ACROSS	DOWN
1. Imperial unit of weight. (5)	2. Used to indicate second of two alternatives. (2)
4. A privately owned SV built at end of 18 th century at Sunderland, bought soon after by Admiralty, renamed, armed, renamed, converted to a discovery vessel, explored Australia, returned to UK and private ownership, broken up in Australia during 1872. (8)	3. A small boat. (6)
10. West wind or a breeze. (6)	5. 1899 French built barque scuttled and sunk by a German U-Boat off Start point in August 1917. (6, 7)
12. Pivots providing a steering joint in a motor car, securing the stub axles to the axle beams. (8)	6. Turned to bone. (7)
13. 1900 built British smack scuttled by a German U-Boat in May 1917 SW of Godrevy Island Lighthouse. (6)	7. British built as a liner in 1891 for USA, renamed 1895 and again 1915, scuttled and sunk by a German U-Boat in February 1917, about 20 miles south of Bishop Rock. (10)
15. Term for goods cast overboard at sea, heavy enough to sink, linked to a floating marker, for example a buoy, to facilitate subsequent recovery. (5)	8. Unit of length, formerly used to measure cloth, equal to 2½ ins or 57.15mm. (4)
17. Water or other liquid moving in a mass of dispersed droplets. (5)	9. A charge for professional services. (3)
18. The world's first purpose Govan built train ferry. (9)	10. Opening and closing device using a sliding plastic fastener. (7)
19. Fibre from a coconut's husk, used for making rope. (4)	11. Sloop, belonging to Pwllheli, foundered September 1818 at the Needles; OR a religious devotee who journeys to a sacred place or shrine. (7)
22. 22 nd letter of the Greek alphabet. (3)	12. 1903 British built liner, Australian registered, torpedoed May 1918 two miles SSE of Anvil Point. (6)
23. 1900 Belfast built cargo SS, WW1 requisitioned, torpedoed in January 1918. (11)	14. Machines with moveable booms for lifting or moving heavy objects, and can be found on ships. (8)
26. An unprincipled, crafty fellow. (5)	16. Built at Rotherhithe in 1778 as a British Fireship, this naval ship was wrecked on New Years Eve, 1780 at the Needles, IoW. (10)
28. Firework, with tube filled with powder that burns with a fizzing noise. (5)	20. The tack of a sailing vessel with the wind abeam. (5)
29. Gives consent, agrees. (7)	21. A diver's portable device for submerged breathing. (5)
31. To unload a vessel, perhaps with 14D. (6)	24. A metal fastener with a hinged slotted part to fit over a staple that can be secured in place. (4)
33. Universally accepted principle or truth. (5)	25. Feeling of sickness in the stomach. (6)
34. In the direction toward which the wind is blowing. (7)	27. Belonged to one. (5)
35. To enhance or decorate. (5)	30. Signal prompting another event in a performance. (3)
37. Barque built 1857 at Sunderland, wrecked November 1881 on the Chichester Folds during a gale. (8)	32. Atom or group of atoms that has acquired a net electric charge by gaining or losing one or more electrons. (3)
42. Unwilling to commit to or divulge information. (3)	35. On larger ships, a secondary gangway rigged in the area abaft of midship. (9)
45. Bunch of loose threads or cords bound at one end and hanging free at other end, used for example as ornament on clothing or curtains. (6)	36. UK 1901 built requisitioned steam collier, torpedoed and shelled SE of Samson, Isles of Scilly August 1915. (9)
46. The electric force that produces a flow of electricity in a circuit. (7)	38. Built 1895, British cargo steamer lost August 1915 to a German U-Boat, 57 miles WNW of isles of Scilly. (6)
49. The _____, a well-known cricket ground. (4)	39. In a nautical context, a knot made by twisting a section of rope to form two adjacent eyes through which a hook is passed, used when hoisting. (4-3)
50. Repeat the manoeuvre of bringing a vessel alongside a pier. (6)	40. To initiate or pursue legal proceedings against another party. (3)
51. See 56A.	41. The triangular blade at the end of an arm of an anchor. (5)
53. To move a vessel by hauling on a line which is fastened to or around an anchor or pier. (4)	43. A petroleum derivative. (3)
54. One of the points of a mariner's compass. (5)	44. 1834 built ketch in or around Plymouth, entering Bude harbour in 1888, encountered a heavy sea, crew rescued by RNLI from rigging, rebuilt 1889, driven over Bideford Bar, wrecked on Croyde sands in April 1899. (6,3,6)
56 & 51A. 1934 British built steam trawler, purchased 1939 by the Admiralty for anti-submarine duties. Attacked and sunk by German Motor Torpedo Boats in October 1940 south of the Isle of Wight. (7, 7)	47 & 60A. American built troopship launched 1944, renamed & commissioned 1946, served WW2 including via
59. A Tibetan gazelle. (3)	
60. See 47D.	
62. This fills the cavities of bones. (6)	

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66. 1914 built British cargo steamer shelled and sunk March 1915 by a German U-Boat west of the Isle of Scilly. (9)	Southampton, and in Korean and Vietnam wars, scrapped 1987. (7,7,6)
68. A shallow area in a waterway; OR the backwash of a wave that has broken upon a beach. (4)	48. See 71D.
69. The range between soprano and tenor. (4)	52. Protective gear made from frayed out rope and used on ship rigging to prevent chafing. (11)
71. School of Mahayana Buddhism asserting that enlightenment can come through meditation and intuition rather than faith. (3)	55. Small deciduous European tree in the rose family, having orange-red berries. (5)
72. 1896 British built cargo steamer sunk April 1917 by a German submarine off Godrevy Head. (4, 6)	57. 1883 UK built cargo steamer, collided November 1888 with a barque, and sank 11 miles SW of St. Catherine's Point. (10)
75. Finish. (3)	58. Any of various insects having a broad head and membranous wings. (6)
76. Steamer which ran aground near Bude, Cornwall in November 1917. German built 1890 but seized by the British while berthed in Portugal, renamed for British use. (5)	61. In golf, angle from the vertical made by club face to give elevation to a ball. (4)
77. Set down or place. (3)	63. Liner, Belfast built 1913, requisitioned in WW1, renamed 1930, was involved as a war bride ship in WW2, scrapped 1952. (8)
79. To convert an animal hide into white leather by treating with a mixture containing alum and salt. (3)	64. Mineral from which a metal can be extracted. (3)
82. A written order issued by a court, commanding the party to whom it is addressed to perform or cease performing a specified act. (4)	65. Term used for vessels with side wheels for propulsion. (8)
83. 1907 UK built steamer, requisitioned 1914 as patrol vessel, struck mine September 1917 off the Nab Lightship. (5,4)	67. Zero in tennis scoring. (4)
84. American built 1929 passenger/cargo steamer, requisitioned 1942 by US government as hospital ship, docked Southampton, 1947 used for excursions near New York, scrapped 1974. (7)	70. 1884 British built cargo steamer, torpedoed May 1918, 3 miles NNW from Pendeen Lighthouse. (6)
86. For Pete's ____ (4)	71 & 48D. 1941 American built "Liberty Ship", converted 1944 to a hospital ship, converted to carry war brides, it sailed from Southampton June 1946 with brides & dependents, scrapped 1970 in Italy. (7,1,5)
87. 1897 British built steam trawler, sunk by collision in the Humber, recovered, lengthened, hired November 1914 by Admiralty as a minesweeper, collided with a tug in June 1915 and sank 7 miles SSW of Portland Bill. (5)	73. Symbol for element with atomic number 49. (2)
88. A cardinal point. (5)	74. Software programs, such as spiders, which perform automated tasks on the internet. (4)
	78. Blackwall built mid-17 th century Admiralty armed ship, lost on the Shipwash in November 1703. (4)
	80. Present during or attending an event. (2)
	81. A watercourse in N. Africa and southwest Asia that remains dry except during the rainy season. (4)
	85. A refusal or denial. (2)