

Our 17th crossword created by volunteer Roger Burns includes five ships wrecked or broken up, two types of old ships, a variety of nautical terms, and several named world-wide stretches of water such as passages, straits, channels etc, and with general knowledge "Link" clues. So, download, print, and test your maritime and general knowledge.

MAT's 17th Maritime Themed Crossword - Clues

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CLUES

Three of the ships feature in MAT's website 'Project and Research' category as individually named ships. One ship was converted to a hospital ship but eventually broken up, and one, renamed, was the most decorated ship in the Vietnam war, with these two featured in <https://maritimearchaeologytrust.org/ddaywalls> Two ships feature in the Forgotten Wrecks of the First War Archaeological Reports category to be found in <https://maritimearchaeologytrust.org/projects-research/forgotten-wrecks-of-the-first-world-war/#1611776594338-1f2badf7-5b0f> and are also in <https://map.forgottenwrecks.org/#> The two types of old ships are found on the internet. The stretches of water are prefixed in the clue descriptions as SoW.

ACROSS	DOWN
1. Developed mainly in Spain & Portugal during 14th & 15th centuries, a three or sometimes four-masted SV (7) 3. Term for a river where only a neck of land lies between a turn's nearest banks, derived from a U-shaped frame forming an Ox's collar holding the yoke in position. (5) 9. Navigable SoW between Norway's east coast, Sweden's west coast, and most northerly part of Denmark. (9) 11. Area around or near a vessel's stern. (3) 12. A line on a weather map joining locations with equal atmospheric pressure. (6) 13. Navigable SoW, one of three, around southerly tip of South America, this one between Chile and Argentina. (6, 7) 15. Verb for fool or hoax. (4) 17. The derived SI unit of electric potential. (4) 18. A weapon or tool's handle. (4) 19. Small raft or boat made of tightly bundled reeds and used on Lake Titicaca; OR very light strong wood; OR a mapped mooring in Brazil. (5) 20. Slender double-reed woodwind instrument. (4) 21. The processes of temporarily taking a vessel out of active service but maintaining it for future active service. (3-3) 23. Oil reservoir in an internal combustion engine. (4) 25. The most forward part of usually a wooden boat's or ship's bow and is an extension of the keel itself. (4) 26. 2nd Ship of the Line launched 15/04/1786 wrecked 18/10/1799 on the Chichester Shoals near 65D harbour. (11) 28. Bird's home; OR part of a lookout's platform high up a mast. (4) 30. A printer using electrically charged droplets of ink to print. (6) 32 & 24D & 80A. SoW forming part of the Parry Channel near the Arctic separating Victoria and Prince of Wales Islands from the Queen Elizabeth islands. (8, 8, 5) 33. Punctuation mark indicating a pause in a sentence. (5) 36. To take an examination. (3) 38. See 14D. 39. A channel for communication between groups. (7) 40. Scottish word for shallow peat moss, of usually poorer quality for use as fuel. (6) 43. See 56D. 45 & 72A. American built ship for passengers and cargo delivered in 1944 which called at Southampton many times during WW2, then laid up until 1960 when sold, refitted, renamed and used in the Vietnam war. (6,4) 47. The ____ Strait along the SE coast of Anglesey. (5) 48. This pre-WW2 British ferry deployed for the Dunkirk evacuation, converted 1944 to a hospital ship frequently operating out of Southampton. (6) 49. The throw or toe line in darts. (4) 50. To worry; OR one of several ridges across a guitar fingerboard. (4) 51. SoW connecting the Sea of Marmara with Aegean and Mediterranean seas. (11) 53. Either of two very small delicately built antelopes of southeastern Africa. (4) 54. A brief fall of precipitation. (6)	1. Elongated solid or hollow circular shape, but tapering to a point. (15) 2. Defined for vertical measurements which may vary with location, often used for tide tables, with value relative to ODN given per location. (5,5) 4. Small, three-masted SV, 17th century origin in western Mediterranean, sometimes used for piracy. (5) 5. The point or place where something begins. (6) 6. A commitment to tell the truth in a court of law. (4) 7. Transfers of cargo from one ship or conveyance to another. (9) (A less common spelling variant) 8. Anchorage in the upper Firth of Clyde. (4, 2, 3, 4) 9. Term for wheels with circumferential groove in which a rope or wire can run, typically found as part of a rigging block. (7) 10. SoW connecting the Black Sea to Sea of Marmara. (9) (Has longer of two spellings!) 14 and 38A. SoW between Staten Island and Union & Middlesex Counties. (6,4) 16. Large, multi-decked SVs partly developed from 1A used mainly in 16th to 18th centuries. (7) 22. Habitual or accepted practices; OR the acts or manners of treating. (6) 24. See 32A. 27. SoW, a part of Puget Sound separating the Central and South Basins. (6, 7) 29. See 63D. 31. Colourful ornamental carp. (3) 34. Intended. (5) 35. SoW separating the Orkney Islands from Caithness named _____ Firth. (8) 36. Turn or slide sideways or off course. (4) 37. The netting stretched across the hulls of a catamaran. (10) 41. Bowlines on a tender or dinghy for towing or making fast. (8) 42. French steamship, Sunderland built in 1909, torpedoed 20/03/1918 SW of the Needles, IoW. (8) 44. Long for. (5) 46. The fitting anchoring the boom to the mast of a SV, allowing multi-directional free movement. (9) 47. Means of communication reaching large numbers of people via TV, radio, newspapers etc. (5) 52. Greek goddess of Wisdom and War. (6) 55. A member of an Indigenous people of northeastern Arizona. (4) 56 & 43A. Prepare for a difficult or dangerous situation (6,4,3,7) (This expression has a maritime origin).

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58. Title of honour placed before the name of a knight. (3) 61. An order to assume navigational control of a vessel. (4,3,3) 62. The loop or bend in a rope (nautical). (5) 64. 1923 built cargo steamship, bombed and sunk by the Luftwaffe on 04/08/1940 off St. Catherine's Point, IoW. (10) 66. Imaginary longitudinal line circling the earth, passing through both poles, cutting at right-angles through the equator. (8) 68. Shortened word for SI unit of electric current. (3) 69. Bed on a ship. (4) 70. The sea anchor thrown over the stern of a life raft or boat or to reduce drift. (6) 71. A large North American deer which in Europe or Asia is called an elk. (5) 72. See 45A. 73. To fit sails or shrouds to masts and yards. (3) 75. To feel regret or remorse. (3) 76. Strip of leather inserted between inner and upper sole. (4) 79. Symbol for cobalt. (2) 80. See 32A. 82. 1907 Scottish built, French flagged steamship torpedoed 14/03/1918 and sunk south of Christchurch and east of Swanage. (9) 83. Word in slang usage meaning rumour or gossip, deriving from the nautical term for the open cask 'tween decks used to serve water to the messdecks. (11) 84. The object's direction from the observer measured in magnetic or true degrees. (7)	57. A part of the ocean near the equator abounding in calms. (8) 59. Peculiar to a characteristic of a given language. (9) 60. Followings of one thing after another. (9) 63 and 29D. Caribbean SoW separating a French overseas Department of six inhabited islands from a UK Overseas Territory and a small archipelagic Country (10, 7) 65. Known as _____ Harbour, this area is an SSSI sandwiched between Portsea and Hayling Islands. (9) 66. Intercepts, converges, encounters. (5) 67. Died by immersion in water or another liquid. (7) 69. A desk with pigeonholes, drawers and a writing surface. (6) 74. Obtained. (3) 77. Correcting, adapting written material for publication of presentation. (4) 78. To talk about insultingly or disparagingly. (4) 81. A greyish blue-tinged snapper of Hawaiian seas that is common in the markets and highly esteemed as food. (3) 82. Large vessel such as a tub or barrel used to hold or store liquids. (3)