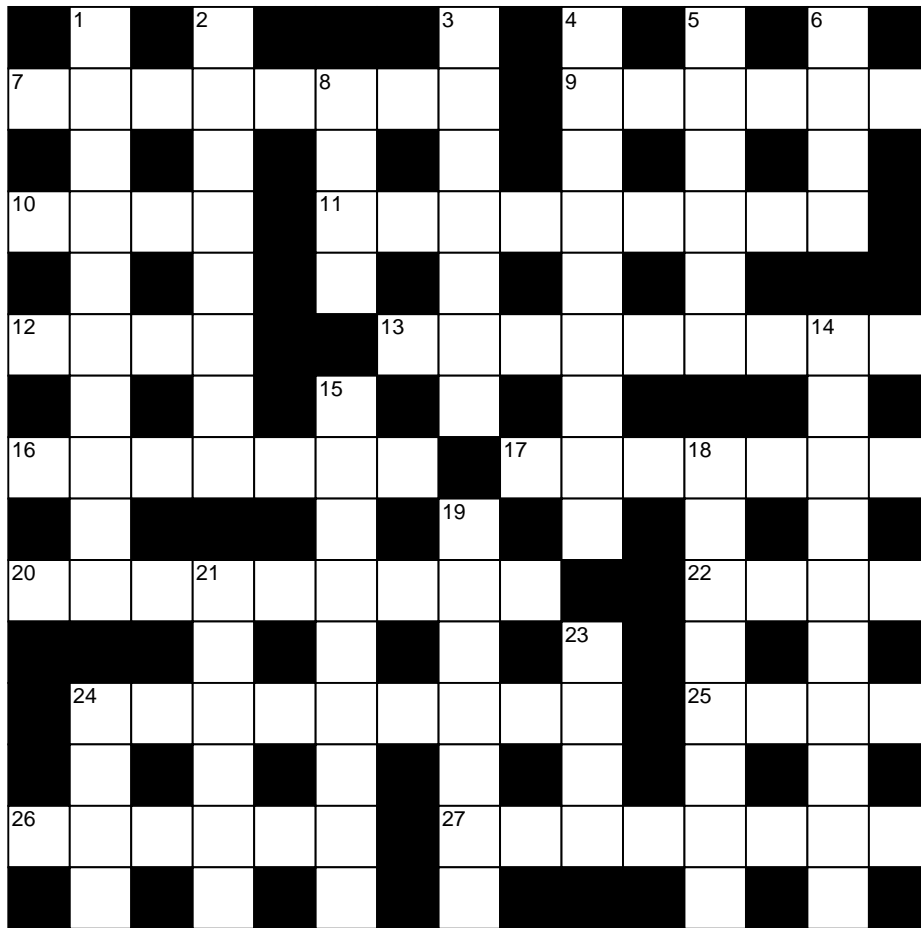


Mess Deck Crossword

Summer 2023 - Cryptic



HDT

ACROSS

- 7 Shortened notice about Captain's platform (8)
- 9 Sheltered side route may be made up (6)
- 10 Stagger along the bottom of a ship (4)
- 11 In disarray lag far behind tar at sea battle (9)
- 12 That woman has nothing on the champion (4)
- 13 Fish below pitch by ship's conveniences (9)
- 16 Lighters found at Arbroath (7)
- 17 Piercing type of heat (7)
- 20 Den is rude about bottom (9)
- 22 Blue ships at sea (4)
- 24 An escalator may be good for the soul (9)
- 25 Bird left Noah's boat (4)
- 26 Smaller ship caught in a sidelong glance (6)
- 27 Anteater finds a way into Bible, with Noah's vessel (8)

DOWN

- 1 Sailors start lashing in a beam seen slipping (4,6)
- 2 Invoice pirate captain for gardening tool (8)
- 3 In theory lay idle at sea (7)
- 4 Tool factory gives off a sense of smell (9)
- 5 Black bird of prey alights on Darwin's ship (6)
- 6 Locks not for ships (4)
- 8 In battle the frigate found an opening (4)
- 14 Midwives and postmen may free you from evil (10)
- 15 Go through flames, shooting on both sides (9)
- 18 A secret meeting with learner in an arch (8)
- 19 A mad girl, not good, bashed officer (7)
- 21 Join up, strangely silent (6)
- 23 Seaweed substance used in a garden (4)
- 24 One who makes a charge loses account for client (4)