

NAUTICAL CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

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A crossword in *Flying Fish* is not the innovation many members might suppose – they were a regular feature in the early 1990s, until the compiler of the day retired, claiming to have run out of inspiration. Domini and I would both welcome feedback (to flying.fish@oceancruisingclub.org) ... and if there's to be another in *Flying Fish* 2017/1, please make that sooner rather than later as Domini tells me he generally creates them while on watch at night, and each is the product of many nights' cogitation!

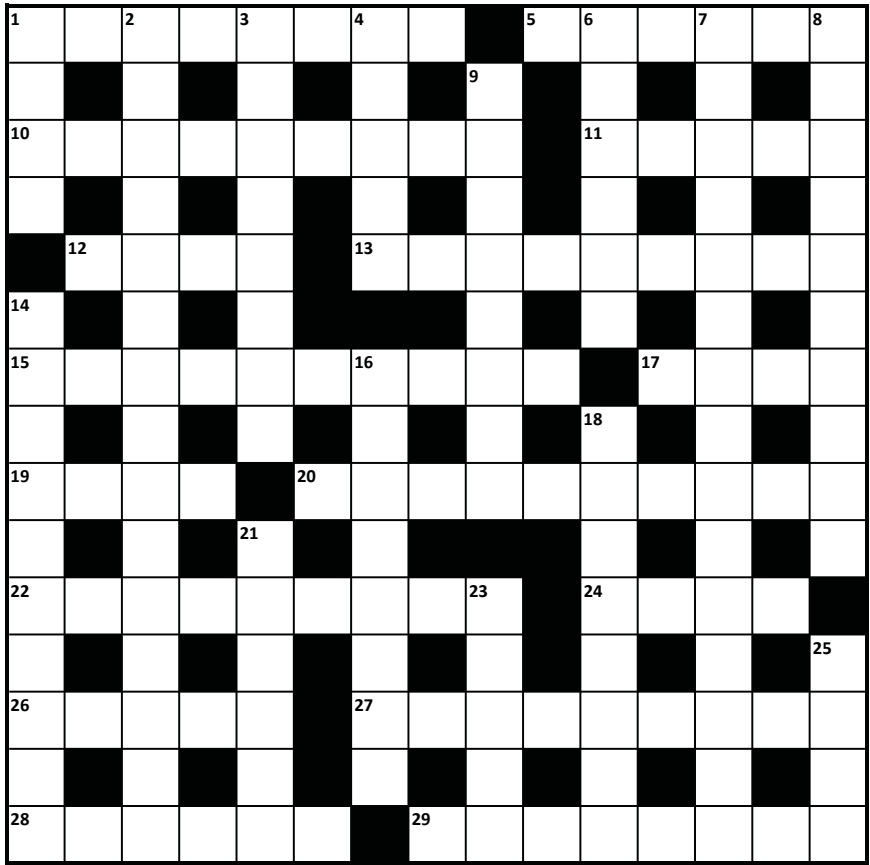
ACROSS

- 1 Winch the French ship (8)
- 5 Sticker is mine (6)
- 10 Liquid drop for cataract (9)
- 11 The skipper is never this bad! (5)
- 12 Release and regularly turn a drogue (4)
- 13 Fish round and about pirate (9)
- 15 Strong ship relieves tensions... (10)
- 17 ...with elegant type of cabin (4)
- 19 see 4 down
- 20 Run three points back and forth round US soldier to structure again (2-8)
- 22 Small detached creature returned covered in plastic (9)
- 24 Sidewind not right for one (4)
- 26 Deceiving about Kon-Tiki (5)
- 27 Mention soldiers put guard rail round QE2 (9)
- 28 Beam to does in rig (4-2)
- 29 High rollers, hitting on the side (4,4)

DOWN

- 1 Moves fronts southwest of west backing (4)
- 2 Drunk men do rum and tonic, not I (showing some balls) (15)
- 3 Left old port(8)
- 4 & 19 across Tack south going for'ard and fill the sailbag (5,4)
- 6 Promise part of the bimini's wearing out (1,5)
- 7 Light change – shop for quality sounding (15)
- 8 Swimmer rigs the ark at sea (5,5)
- 9 Log U-bend broken with force (8)
- 14 Superyachts' spirit – one first sails with mate inside (3,7)
- 16 By chance, a cleat not caught round line (8)
- 18 Small adjustment if I rent maiden (4,4)
- 21 Fast beating? Won too, in the Sound (3,3)
- 23 Some French enemy wrote about a castaway (5)
- 25 Navy bar short men on ship (4)

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Solution on next page ... but no cheating!

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