

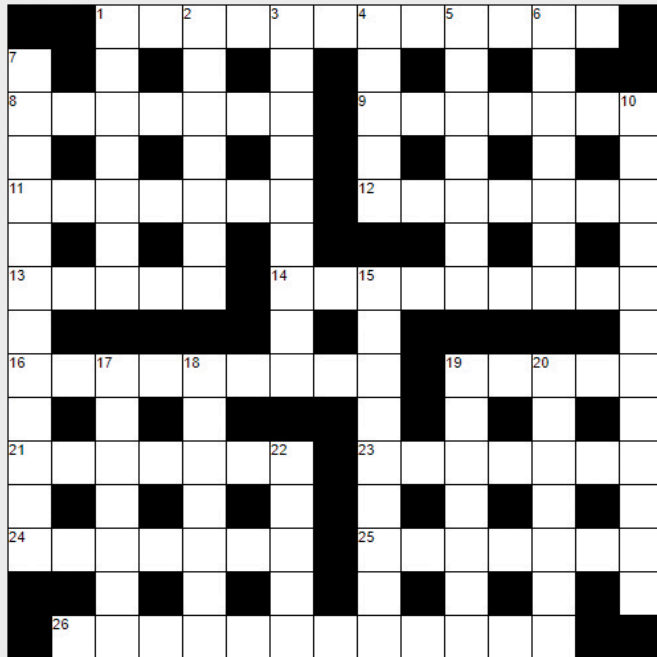
Telegraph prize crossword

By Mordo

Fancy trying your hand at a cryptic crossword this month? More and more readers are pitting their wits against our fiendish crossword setter Mordo, and whenever you send us your entry, you could win one of the latest releases in maritime publishing. This month, the prize is a copy of the book **No Earthly Pole** by Ernest C. Coleman (reviewed on the books pages 42-43, July 20 telegraph).

We are only accepting entries by email at the moment, so please send your list of cryptic crossword answers and your contact details to: telegraph@nautilusint.org.

The closing date this month is Friday 17 July 2020



QUICK CLUES

Across

- 1 Archipelago in the North Atlantic (5, 7)
- 8 Stringed instrument (7)
- 9 As a large group (2, 5)
- 11 Southern US state (7)
- 12 Small fry (7)
- 13 Goes without food (5)
- 14 Operated by liquid under pressure (9)
- 16 Performs physical activity (9)
- 19 Japanese rice dish (5)
- 21 Single out (7)
- 23 Windfall (7)
- 24 Hard drugs (7)
- 25 Bane (7)
- 26 French territory in the South Pacific (3, 9)

- 12 More recent than The Offspring and Queen (7)
- 13 Helps old president with top secret sources (5)
- 14 This follows catch seen on rugby pitch (6-3)
- 16 Deceitful hottie has love nest (9)
- 19 British river with Japanese fish reported is a red herring (5)
- 21 Sets of clothing revealed matches (7)
- 23 One is made with flour and flower (7)
- 24 Standard procedure (7)
- 25 This person is type to leave a mark (7)
- 26 I forgot he had unorthodox way to cure a hangover (4, 2, 3, 3)

Down

- 1 Muscles that bend a joint (7)
- 2 Prepares for publication again (2-5)
- 3 Small hairs found on the face (9)
- 4 Water vapour (5)
- 5 Chemical compound of nitrogen and hydrogen (7)
- 6 Plunder (7)
- 7 Ocean basin in North America (4, 2, 6)
- 10 Region of the Pacific Ocean (4, 5, 3)
- 15 Corrected a notion (9)
- 17 Causing strong feelings (7)
- 18 Haphazard (7)
- 19 The end of the day (7)
- 20 Spanish drink of wine and fruit (7)
- 22 Painter's stand (5)

Down

- 1 Justify work for under 500 euros (7)
- 2 At sea it's safe for parties (7)
- 3 Grandma gets remote, moving a small distance (9)
- 4 Partner's first excursion (5)
- 5 Heard awful noise making equipment used in court (7)
- 6 Small child held close this evening (7)
- 7 Eccentric owner's sautéed chicken may be served like this (5, 3, 4)
- 10 Sick cobra needs to take in water and bread for example (12)
- 15 Somewhat steady engineer gets promoted to institute (9)
- 17 For starters, sweet and tasty snack using many appellations (7)
- 18 Leading hero at heart almost mad with love for famous actor (7)
- 19 Fell for doctor's hot body at exercise class in Palladium (7)
- 20 Bite apple, going back to golf and another outdoor activity (7)
- 22 Place to display quiet creature with pointed ears (5)

CRYPTIC CLUES

Across

- 1 Suffering defeats, enter or exit through the window (12)
- 8 You and I put on serious type of film (7)
- 9 Essentially, monologue was pointed and concise (7)
- 11 Appearing in smut, arrested over one mistake (7)

Crossword answers and the name of last month's winner are supplied in July's telegraph on page 58.