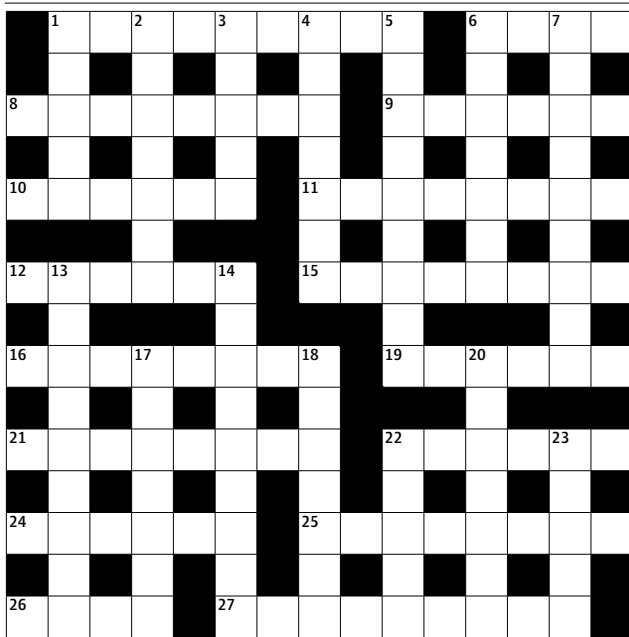


# Guardian cryptic crossword



No 25,190 set by Boatman

## Across

- 1 The naval disaster in which Boatman is eaten by a whale? (9)
- 6 Takes in endless parodies (4)
- 8 Colleagues' inspiration: say barren block gone (8)
- 9 Winter footwear with metal inside – wow! (6)
- 10 Boatman's work is usually in the Mediterranean (6)
- 11 Costume formerly worn by oriental tart? (3-5)
- 12 What I should make, for my sins, at noon? (6)
- 15 Drops the shattered piece of a vessel (8)
- 16 Where, you might say, disk-breaking leads to sudden reversal? (4,4)
- 19 Hate for Guardian boss back on trial (6)
- 21 First entry in old book of songs about fish behind ship's stern mid-ocean! (5,3)
- 22 Divers use natural heat to remove water (6)
- 24 Droop like dead fish (6)
- 25 Boatman's report on whale found in the Mediterranean (8)
- 26 Sex kittens slipping an unreasonable extent in winter footwear (4)
- 27 Split up – admit mistake on reflection and give in (9)

## Down

- 1 Wood-roasted char after lobster starter (5)
- 2 A vain imposter? Creative prose wasted, perhaps (7)

- 3 Pungent? Sour? That's about right (5)
- 4 Poncho folded round centre pleat in place of layers (7)
- 5 New leader chosen: Gordon's first in, then left out (9)
- 6 Not in everyone's interest to market cod: could be left wanting? (7)
- 7 Cod, sprats, flounder typically found at the seaside (9)
- 13 Deadly sea creature runs amok, followed by silence as boat goes under (4,5)
- 14 Naval nations exude water (yours and mine, say) (3,6)
- 17 Floods spread sludge around Mile End (7)
- 18 Vessel attending in the Mediterranean, perhaps French marine zone (7)
- 20 Starting to embrace a lot more (7)
- 22 What you need to do with a fish to take victory (5)
- 23 Cruiser is abandoned, sunk, only to be seen again later (5)

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