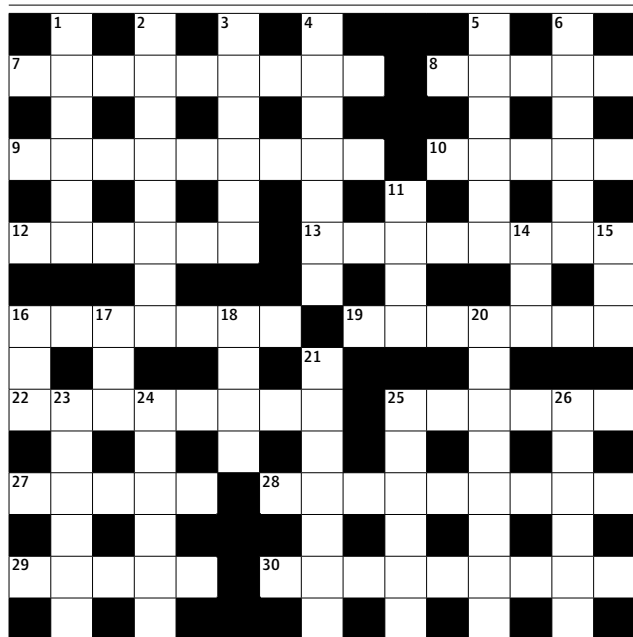


Guardian cryptic crossword



No 26,001 set by Boatman

Across

- 7 It goes from kidney to heart and liver – an encircling string (5,4)
 8 No end to settlement: (5)
 9 What radio bosses do to a troublemaker (9)
 10 Uncovers hitch at ship's head after conclusion of docking (5)
 12 A small boat will do? Pale imitation (6)
 13 Lark in flight takes wings to ascend (8)
 16 Beats his head in try-out on Royal Navy ship (7)
 19 Drunken sailor reversing course, taking time in dock (2,5)
 22 Advocacy as America enters slippery slope (8)
 25 Wreck in a dock (6)
 27 Shot for losing point of anchor – no end to this? (5)
 28 Fight with mafia? The Italian lost, leading to fireworks (9)
 29,16down Anchor before going in for something to eat (8)
 30 Logical conclusion of docking (9)

Down

- 1 Sleek iron ship docked (6)
 2 Spooner's pirate ship's feature to conclude docking (4,4)
 3 Go overboard in Dover Docks (6)
 4 Found only in dock structure (7)

- 5 Find room in dock? (4,2)
 6 Floated in dock above sea floor (6)
 11 Boatman employs misdirection – it's widely admired (4)
 14,18 "Musical wasn't a hit", said one who worships soul (7)
 15 Fish at length without restraint – let marginal young fish go (3)
 16 See 29
 17 Settle debt? Barking! (3)
 18 See 14
 20 Quality of country air: truly fresh (8)
 21 Ship in dock some time (not 10 days) (7)
 23 Steamroller dismantled, metal components thrown into dock (6)
 24 Question procedure: docking with wit, concealing gravity (6)
 25 Boatman's spirit rises again with gentle talk (6)
 26 Sped up work on boat for contract (6)

Solution No. 26,000

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