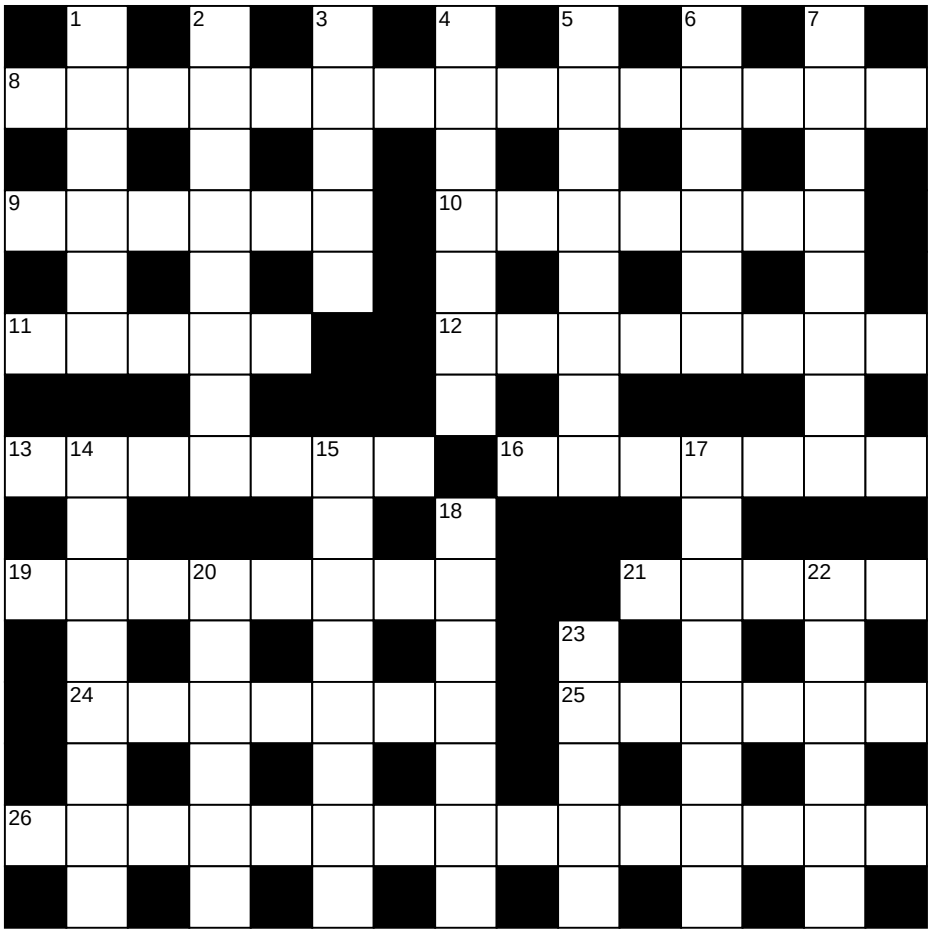
Mess Deck Crossword

Cryptic - Summer 2025



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ACROSS

8 Fans add all links to British Colony (8,7)
9 The negatives of Italian odes (6)
10 A ship's destiny is about fitting sails (7)
11 King heads church body for Jack (5)
12 Had scares as riddles acted (8)
13 Battler restored at Hartlepool (7)
16 Most eager ten seek refreshment (7)
19 Reading for armourers ? (8)
21 Adhere to a rod (5)
24 Stirred up in cream from Sebastapol (7)
25 A leading London columnist (6)
26 Mine a mound, like Lewis and Harris, where Fletcher settled (8,7)

DOWN

1 Need a cue for this weapon (6)
2 Parachute user plunges from the blue (8)
3 Zoroastrian part of Wagner's last opera (5)
4 If I cede building (7)
5 Judge about teams tie (8)
6 A capital smoke (6)
7 Dine less in a state of inactivity (8)
14 A principal in charge brings about lawnessless (8)
15 O vile sort to lubricate dressing (8)
17 Uncertain late corn gathering (3,5)
18 In France sea returns northern worker's remains (7)
20 For each one, top pilot passes around steak and ale perhaps (6)
22 Overcast and far from quiet in extremes of country (6)
23 Anxiety arising from gangs taking over the streets (5)