

Crossword

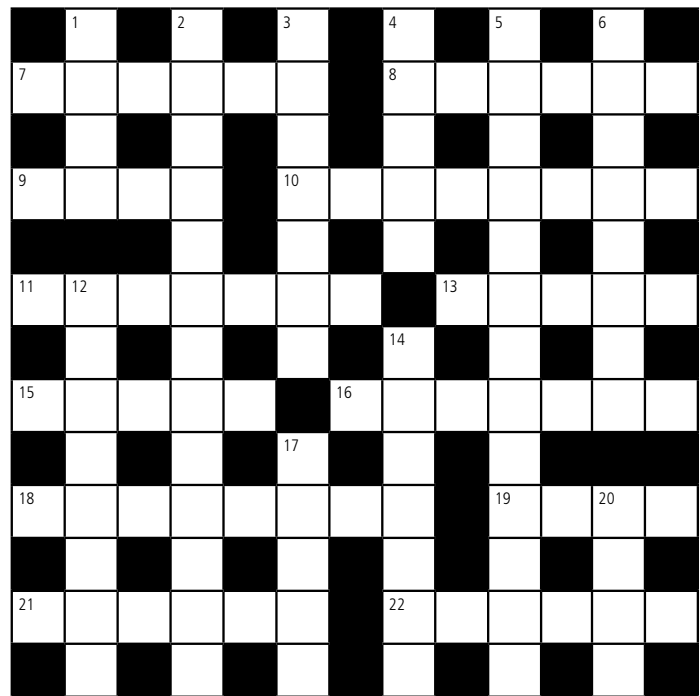
A watery theme in this issue's puzzle...

Across

- 7 Substance in gas phase responsible for cloud formation and condensation. (6)
- 8 In one's comfort zone. (2,4)
- 9 Form of solid precipitation produced by cumulonimbus clouds. (4)
- 10 The removal of surface water to open land for agriculture. (8)
- 11 Structures built by children from crystalline water ice. (7)
- 13 They can be dug, gravel-packed, open hole or dry. (5)
- 15 "Life is mostly ----- and bubble" – Adam Lindsay Gordon. (5)
- 16 Solitary bird of the marshland, more often heard than seen. (7)
- 18 Rabindranath Tagore called the Taj Mahal "a ----- on the face of eternity". (8)
- 19 Name given to a tide with minimal range. (4)
- 21 Location of one of the seven modern wonders of the world, 48 miles long, and currently being expanded. (6)
- 22 Its function is to spread secretions on eye surface to keep it moist. (6)

Down:

- 1 Lady who called upon Californians to conserve water during drought. (4)
- 2 Annual UN event first celebrated on 22 March 1993. (5,5,3)
- 3 China has the world's five longest, all incorporated into the rail network. (7)



- 4 In Greek mythology a nymph who presided over bodies of water. (5)
- 5 International route that first opened for business on 1 June 1994. (7,6)
- 6 One who illegally transports objects, information or people. (8)
- 12 One who migrated south by ship to settle in e.g. Normandy. (8)
- 14 "I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many -----" – Mother Theresa. (7)
- 17 Common European freshwater fish of family Cyprinidae. (5)
- 20 Dry and barren, like a desert. (4)