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)