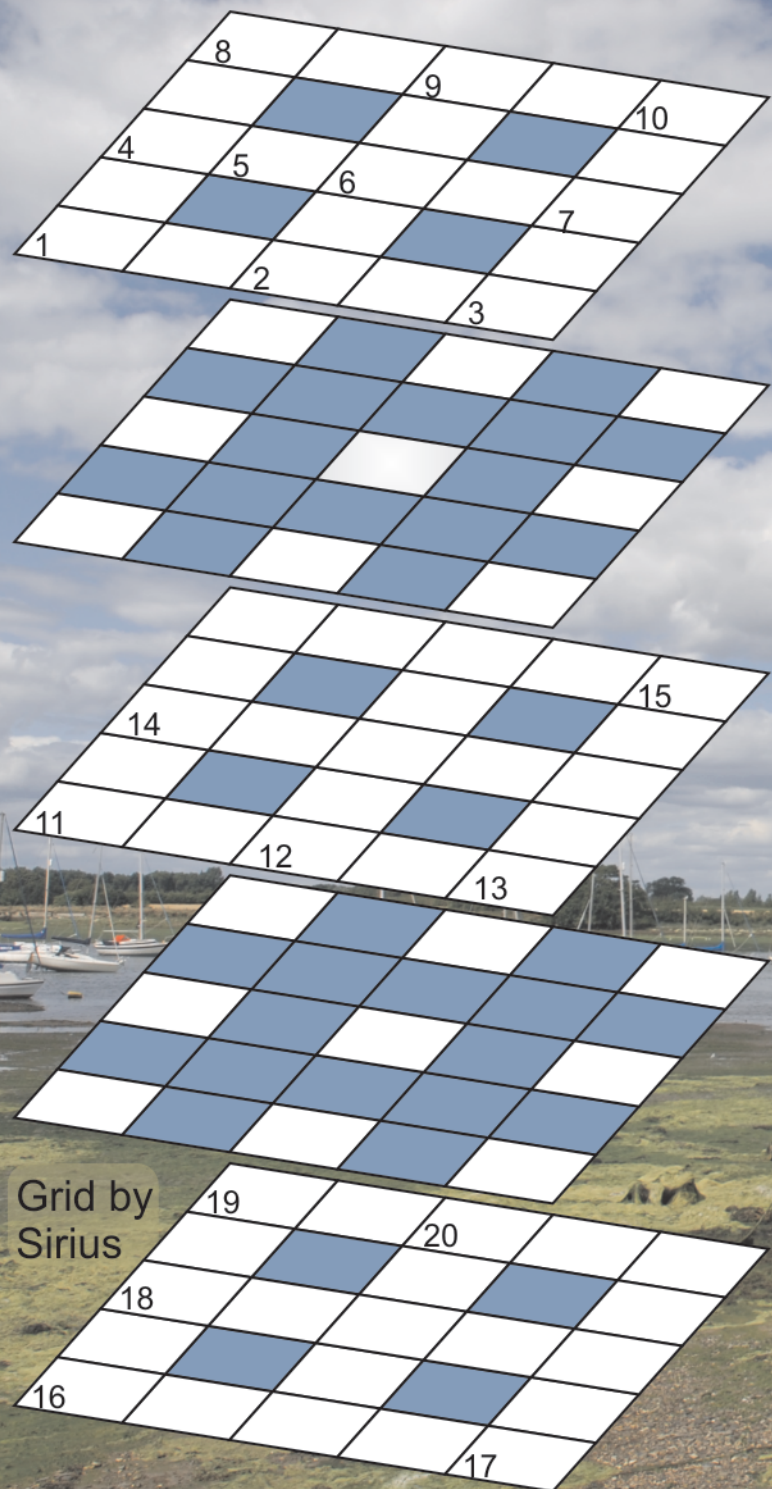


May 2017 Rufus Sirius



This partial jigsaw notes a 35th anniversary. Only 8 clues give directions for their solutions. Remaining solutions run entirely down/up or away/towards, *unless they are snakes* indicated by 6 highlighted diagrams. Fit solutions where you can. Clues are presented in alphabetical order of their solutions.

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN
1 ^{14ac} Teasing banter that foils the enemy (5)	2 Order 'Code-Y' that might have saved 16 from 22's 7 (5)	3  Sea-going vandal (9)	4 ^{11ac} Not only servicemen may be bored by it (5)	5 Spritely – that's the Spanish and French conclusion (5)	6 Goes out of play (5)	7  Missile deployed since abandoning coexistence (6)
8  Dependency on Argentina? On the contrary (9)	9  Empty talk over the Sahara? (3,3)	10 Being stupid, I upset Anne (5)	11 One unable to serve any longer (5)	12 How a bird consumes a lot of grain (5)	13 ^{18ac} By working, becomes musical dictator (5)	14 ^{15ba} Some agreed, yet in a shrilly tone (5)
15 ^{19ac} Travels with Rex on a fatal date (5)	16  Unlucky ship's cook, say, leads to the battleground (9)	17 ^{4ac} She goes round the Gold Coast (5)	18 Took the part of another (5)	19 ^{16ac} Maker of ropes and sails (5)	20 People are unhappy when out of these orders (5)	21 ^{10ba} Cattle drive (5)
22  The gift of French fighters spurred a tensed reappraisal (5,9)	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31		A snake of 9 letters. The solution runs in any one direction for five letters and then changes direction for the remaining 4 letters.		
				A snake of 6 letters. The solution runs in any direction for 5 letters and then changes direction for 1 letter, or it runs for 2 letters and then changes direction for 4 letters.		May 2017