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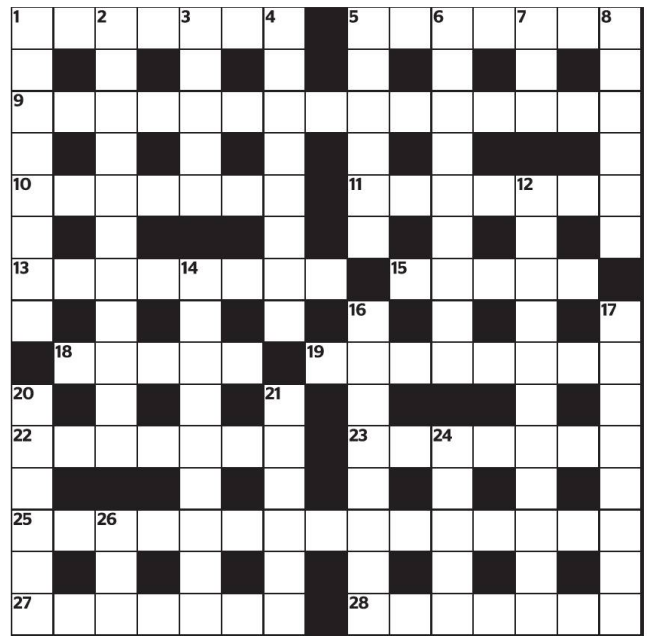
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ACROSS

- 1 Tanker's bow breaks shortly astern iron deck (7)
- 5 Audit customer on speed, but only just (2,1,4)
- 9 Lily once hooked into gimlet, needing month fermenting brainwave (9,6)
- 10 Cutter? Yes, but another ship (7)
- 11 Sleeping late due to crooked hip (5,2)
- 13 Notable fluid sealing one part of skeleton... (8)
- 15 ...cracking fragment from the back (5)
- 18 Café serving philosopher (5)
- 19 Chiselled a saint in constructor's pillar (8)
- 22 French master format is sent packing (7)
- 23 During Laos conflict, covert group is withdrawn (7)
- 25 Bowler hat for old-timer, one flung wildly with affection? (4-3,8)
- 27,5-down Place for comic ideas, true? Astronomer purchased (bought) trifle (7,6)
- 28 Brazilian stripper swivelled a joint, engrossing our sailors? (7)

DOWN

- 1 Joy? Yes, but another girl (8)
- 2,24-down Is nice at night for recreation?! (11,5)
- 3 Winning pontoon, mostly drunk (2,3)
- 4 It's free of charge to turn 1 + 1 into 6s and 7s (8)
- 5 See 27-across
- 6 A boofhead will dump lover #3 in annulment (9)
- 7 Be married, failing intermittently (3)
- 8 Twerp shown up in newspaper score (6)
- 12 Sheepish Tinder guild in disguise (5-6)
- 14 Poisoner reports director Fritz (9)
- 16 Briefly shops with a forward mangler of words (8)
- 17 Struggling to cope with characters doing sex daily? (8)
- 20 Charm mature renegade, swapping hands (6)
- 21 Biker's essential little wheel? (6)
- 24 See 2-down
- 26 Fingertips circle back (3)



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