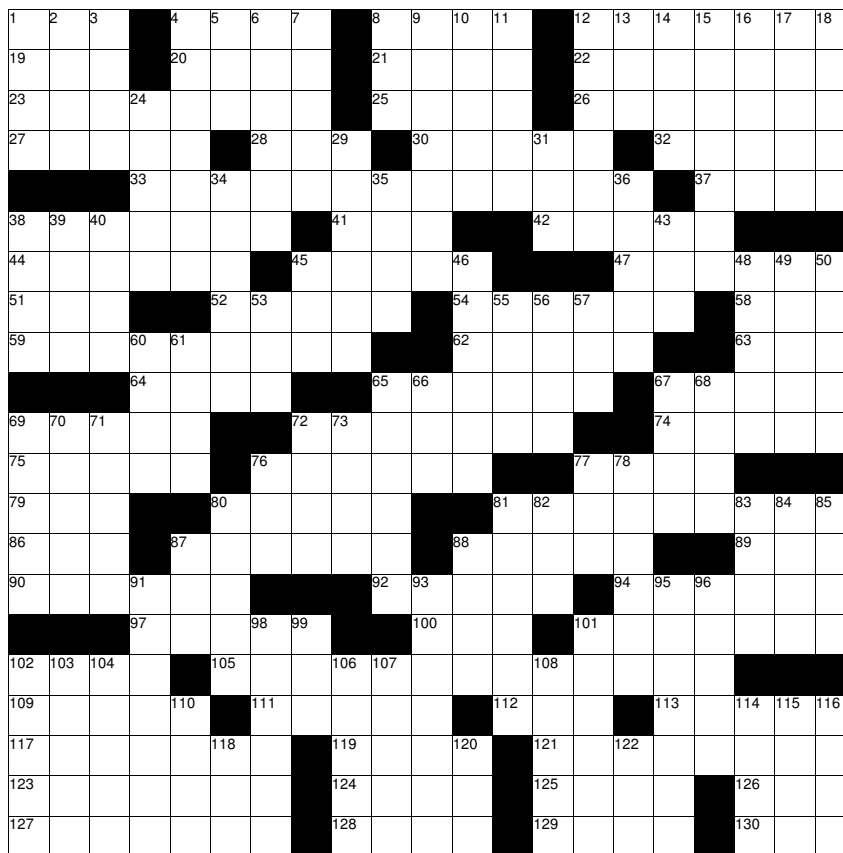


"Keep Your Head Above Water"

a metapuzzle by Peter Washington

ACROSS

1. Mueller's former shop (abbr.)
4. Capsizing catalyst
8. Ingredient in low-quality ice cream
12. Nonplussed
19. Info in box b of a W-2
20. San ___, Italy
21. Mantel piece
22. Smeltery input
23. Wet noodle
25. Alex in the cabinet (at least as of when this clue was written!)
26. Forecasters of a sort
27. Venom
28. Certain retriever
30. Make law
32. Workplace group chat platform
33. Location of the Hibernia oil field
37. Word following liberal or language
38. Nickel-and-dimes
41. "I am unimpressed by ur ridiculous posturing"
42. Some flulike symptoms
44. Awe-inspiring
45. Orchestral tune-setters
47. Not virginal, if you care about such things
51. Letters after 4G
52. The Hammer
54. Drags a net
58. "If I Ruled the World (Imagine That)" rapper
59. Homer described it as "wine-dark," according to many translations
62. Measure up to
63. Types back and forth with
64. Androids in "The Avengers" (abbr.)
65. Architectural phallic symbols
67. Boston rag
69. Maker of the Playmate Elite 16 qt.
72. Lewis and Clark sighted it on November 15, 1805
74. Featured as one's key campaign issue
75. Status
76. Signify
77. Make fit, somehow
79. World's largest ethnic group
80. ___ Rapids
81. Amazon destination
86. Goblin
87. Singer of a Marvin Gaye song, in '80s commercials
88. Youngsters in pouches
89. Edward ___
90. "___ Madness"
92. Sméagol, for one
94. Twee
97. Deliciously salty Filipino stew
100. Monitor adjustment
101. Artist Rodin
102. Team in riot gear
105. Milieu for much of the fighting in the First Punic War
109. Miniscule
111. Renault hatchback
112. Set of tools for tech-savvy tinkerers (abbr.)
113. Stats on food pkgs.
117. Side by side



The answer to the metapuzzle is seven letters long.

119. "Yeah, sure"
121. Reason to be excused from jury service
123. Subsequent publication
124. Hover forebodingly
125. Puget Sound predator
126. Phrase in the names of many culinary dishes
127. Plaited
128. New-agey symbol of femininity
129. He played a Corleone
130. Pigs, proverbially

DOWN

1. One email folder
2. Signore's signoff
3. Banded mineral
4. Stereotypical hippie food
5. 180
6. Constituents of some large schools
7. Yeshiva text
8. Director DuVernay
9. Epitome of graceful speediness
10. Practiced pose
11. Put back on the air
12. Word part following anti or pro
13. Flub
14. Large birds of old
15. Prepare to remove, as a necklace
16. Popular renewable
17. At attention
18. Reporters' beats
24. Sear
29. Creed antagonist
31. El operator
34. Go back to shore
35. Roger Rabbit, for one

36. Netflix partner?
38. Hippy movement?
39. Blind alternative
40. Familiar face on a blue background in the northeast corner
43. Ambulance, fire, etc.
45. Ida. neighbor
46. Friction
48. Square in Manhattan or San Francisco
49. "First Blood" hero
50. German city known for steel (and for being in too many crossword grids)
53. Clown
55. Nickname for a Barbadian superstar
56. Accompanying, in Alsace
57. "And She ___"
60. Chess rating system creator Arpad, and family
61. Songstress Tori
65. Disdains
66. Stone
67. Excite
68. Meat served with mint
69. What courses through the veins of Olympians
70. Dirty look
71. Impale
72. Xingers?
73. Badger who works in accounting on Netflix's "Aggretsuko"
76. Opus ___
77. Wail
78. Boundary-pushing, in a way
80. Difficult billiards maneuver

81. Pigeons, sometimes
82. ___ Lingus
83. Randy Quaid's wife, and others
84. "___ I a stinker?"
85. "Nick at ___"
87. Announcer Barber
88. Du ___
91. Something many body positivity advocates encourage embracing, not merely accepting
93. Lawyerly preposition
95. Entebbe denizen
96. No-cost babysitters, maybe
98. Socked
99. Paeon
101. City known (under a former spelling) for goats and cats
102. Flinch
103. "Big Book of Grilling" publisher
104. High home
106. With hostility
107. Cultural no-no
108. On-the-fly
110. "___ queen!"
114. '80s Band whose biggest hit urged listeners to jitterbug
115. App/device set for people who are always losing their keys, wallet, phone, etc. (and still the best birthday present I've ever received)
116. Encompass
118. Novelist Grafton
120. "Ewww, gross!"
122. Company with an iconic spokesdog