

# Polar Regions Crossword Puzzle

Ready to put your ocean knowledge to the test? Through the KERP program, Sailors for the Sea Powered by Oceana has distributed educational activities for kids (and conservationists of all ages) in 76 countries. Get cozy with this crossword as you explore the world's coldest oceans and polar regions.

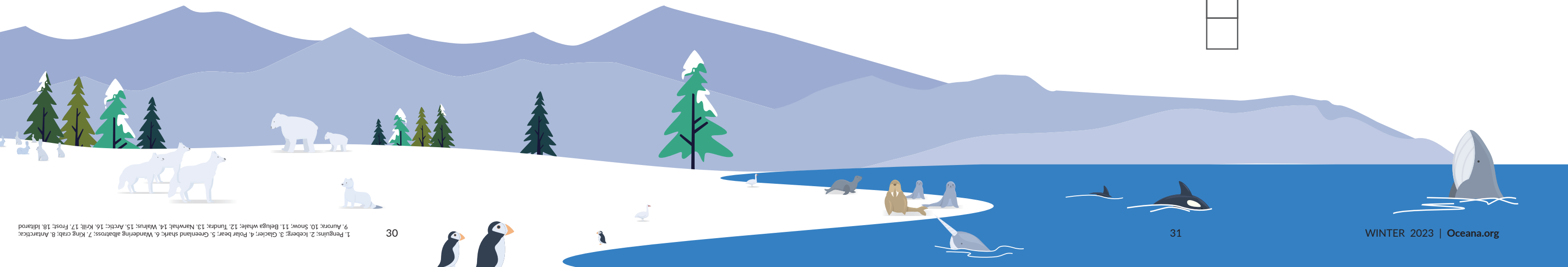
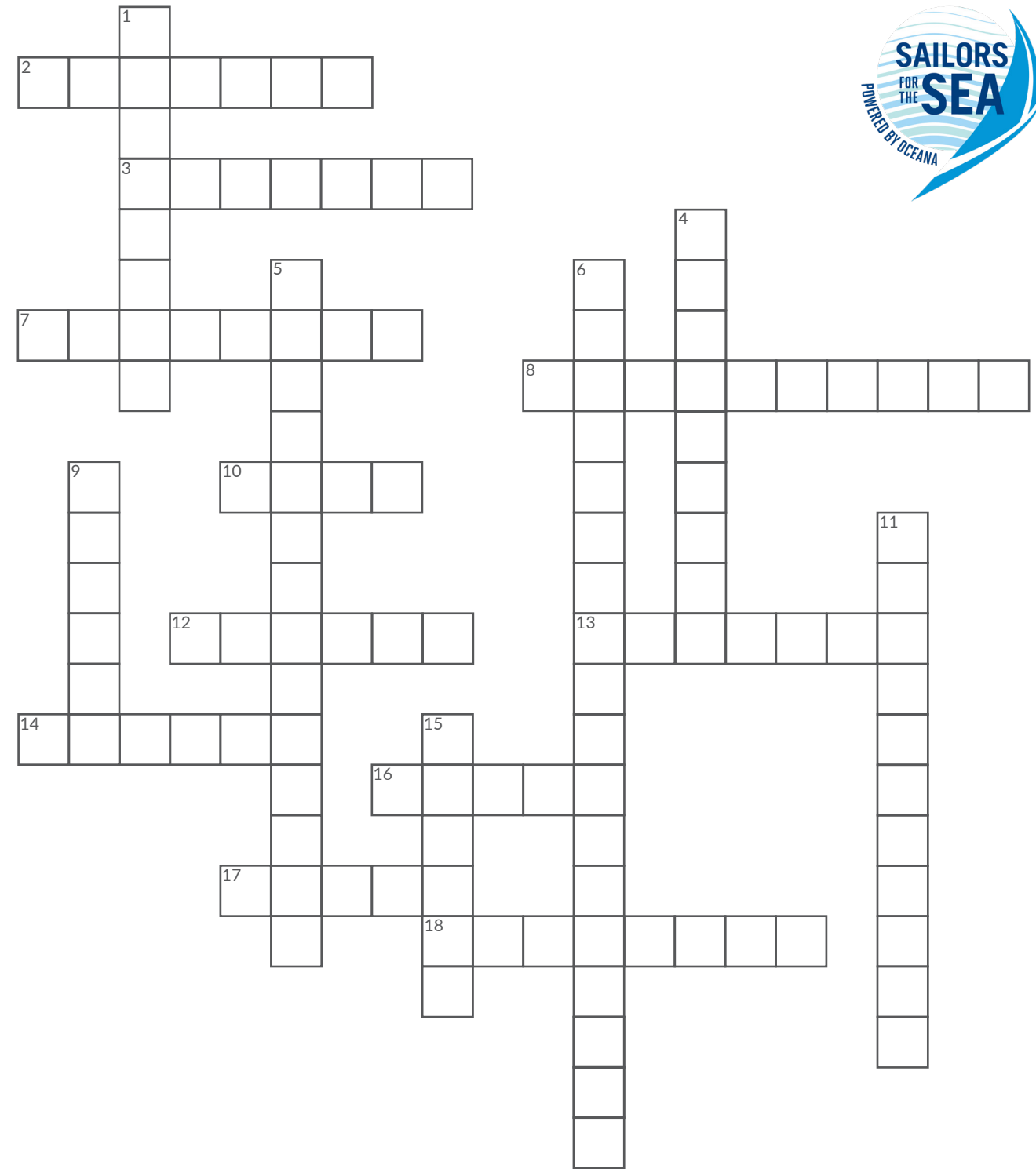
**Across:**

- 2. A large piece of freshwater ice that has detached from a glacier or ice sheet, and is floating in open water.
- 3. A slowly moving mass of ice originating from accumulation and compaction of snow on mountains or near the poles.
- 7. Primarily found in cold seas, this large crustacean is widely caught and sold as food.
- 8. Known as the coldest, driest, and windiest continent.
- 10. Soft, white pieces of frozen water that fall to the ground from the sky in cold weather.
- 12. Among Earth's harshest biomes, this treeless ecosystem has a cold, windy climate with very little rainfall.
- 13. Known as the unicorn of the sea, this toothed whale possesses a large "tusk" protruding from its head.
- 14. A large Arctic marine mammal that has flippers, tusks, and whiskers.
- 16. An abundant, small crustacean that is prey to whales, seals, penguins, squid, and fish.
- 17. A layer of small, white ice crystals that form on the ground or other surface when the temperature falls below freezing.
- 18. An annual long-distance dog sled race that takes place in Alaska.

**Down:**

- 1. Aquatic, flightless birds that live almost exclusively in the Southern Hemisphere.
- 4. Considered a marine mammal because they spend most of their lives on the sea ice of the Arctic Ocean, this carnivorous bear has a thick layer of body fat and a water-repellant coat that insulates them from the cold air and water.
- 5. One of the largest species of shark that also has the longest known lifespan of all vertebrates.
- 6. These feathered giants have the largest wingspan of any bird and are found soaring around the Southern Ocean.
- 9. Sometimes referred to as a polar light, this phenomenon is a natural light display in the sky that is seen in high latitude, polar regions.
- 11. Living in the Arctic Ocean, this all-white marine mammal has a protruding forehead called the "melon" and is missing a dorsal fin, which allows it to move freely under ice.
- 15. Polar region located at the northernmost part of Earth.

This activity was developed by:



1. Penguins; 2. Snow; 3. Iceberg; 4. Glacier; 5. Polar bear; 6. Walrus; 7. King crab; 8. Antarctica; 9. Aurora; 10. Snow; 11. Beluga whale; 12. Tundra; 13. Greenland shark; 14. Walrus; 15. Arctic; 16. King; 17. Frost; 18. Iditarod