

Solution to Puzzle #167 – April, 2015 "Cetacea"

M	Y	S	T	I	C	E	T	I	C	R
O	S	S	U	S	E	R	A	T	T	Y
T	E	R	S	E	P	A	T	E	S	H
I	N	E	S	L	O	N	E	S	L	A
V	E	C	L	I	M	B	S	T	A	R
E	C	O	E	V	A	L	H	A	T	E
V	E	N	M	E	D	I	A	T	E	M
A	N	I	A	B	E	T	A	A	P	A
R	T	P	R	O	V	E	N	S	A	V
E	M	O	N	U	E	N	T	P	L	A
T	O	D	O	N	T	O	C	E	T	I

The omitted letters (in parentheses in the list below) spell
CALL ME ISHMAEL

Across

1. **MYSTICETI**
2. CROSS
3. USER
4. (C)ATTY
5. TERSE
6. PATE
7. SHINES
8. (A)LONE
9. SLAVE
10. CLIMB
11. STARE
12. COEVAL
13. HA(L)T
14. EVEN
15. MEDIATE
16. MANI(L)A
17. BETA
18. APART
19. PROVEN
20. SAVE
21. MONU(M)ENT
22. PLAT(E)
23. **ODONTOCETI**

Down

1. MOTIVE
2. VAR(I)ETY
3. SENE(S)CENT
4. MOSS
5. RECON
6. IPOD
7. TUSSLE
8. MAR
9. NOISE
10. LIVE
11. BOUNCE
12. POMADE
13. VETERAN
14. BLIT(H)E
15. NOTATE
16. SHA(M)AN
17. T(A)CIT
18. ESTAT(E)
19. ASPECT
20. SLATE
21. PALTRY
22. HAREM
23. AVAI(L)

Kevin Wald solved the puzzle in 25 minutes.