




PUZZLE OF THE MONTH, MARCH 2011



OPERATION: BATTLESHIPS

These two puzzles are solitaire versions of the classic Battleships game. Each letter grid represents a section of ocean in which a fleet is hiding. Your task is to locate the vessels and reveal the hidden message. Each armada consists of **one battleship** (four cells in length), **two cruisers** (three cells), **three destroyers** (two cells), and **four submarines** (one cell.) The ships may be stationed vertically or horizontally, and no two ships can occupy adjacent cells, not even diagonally.

The numbers along the sides indicate how many cells in that row or column are occupied by ships.

You are provided with some intelligence. Some shots have been fired, revealing a bow or stern of a ship ;  the middle section of a battleship or cruiser ;  open water;  or a submarine 

O	T	N	S	L	I	W	A	F	S	3
H	A	Y	I	C	H	T	L	N	⊙	2
E	D	T	B	U	I	L	S	N	G	0
R	E	X	⊙	A	S	T	S	E	A	1
E	M	I	D	S	A	N	H	E	L	6
I	E	U	M	A	S	Q	T	U	A	0
L	P	H	L	■	T	A	I	E	T	3
H	D	Z	E	A	P	L	O	Y	S	1
E	G	R	A	N	D	V	U	L	C	4
J	U	S	O	C	K	T	■	A	M	0
4	1	3	3	3	2	1	1	1	1	

K	E	Y	⊙	U	F	N	L	A	P	1
U	B	Y	S	W	H	A	■	L	E	4
M	C	T	I	U	I	L	S	N	G	2
R	Q	U	A	F	D	R	V	I	E	2
W	H	I	A	C	T	O	H	E	R	0
L	E	I	O	F	T	S	A	H	E	6
E	N	S	I	G	N	A	M	L	X	0
J	⊙	U	■	A	V	E	C	Y	S	4
C	A	P	L	T	I	V	A	N	E	0
I	Z	E	Q	A	L	T	O	D	M	1
5	1	0	5	2	2	1	1	2	1	