

SOLUTION: Sardines

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For this metapuzzle, you had blanks of length 10, 5, 6, 4, and 7. The answers you obtained from the other pre-event puzzles (UNDERTHESEA, THAMES, TROUBLE, SPLAT, SPOTKELP) were of length 11, 6, 7, 5, and 8. . . that's exactly 1 more than all the given blanks!

You realized that you had to squish two letters into one blank for each row (ref: "sardines"). You deduced that perhaps the center columns are aligned so that the final answer would be spelled vertically. Given that only one blank in each row would contain two letters, that's probably where you'd find the answer letters. You figured out, after perhaps a few attempts, that the answer to "What's waiting for us this Saturday at CPC 2017?" was THE SUB PLOT.

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New to Puzzles? Editor Notes:

Welcome to metapuzzle-solving, where you have to figure most things out yourself. Steps are clued, but this is often done in a subtle manner. When solving a metapuzzle, you want to find a way to use all the answers (or tokens, as likely is the case during CPC events). These pre-event puzzles did not have tokens, but it will be obvious after solving a puzzle during the event whether it gives you a metapuzzle token.

The only remaining question is: Are you ~~ready~~ hyped up for CPC 2017?!

