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### Across

- Kiwis display this, and rip teams asunder (8)
- 'Ahoy, there!' from one after tincture (4)
- Weather interrupted by a bit of rain, cutting (5)
- Intrepid sailor's in charge after anchor mostly bust (7)
- Stick to trail, following canine (4)
- Left what goes into wine bottles for free beach food? (4)
- One on modern piste vehicle biker's adapted, about to duck (9)
- Pacific fish recipe applied to a cod that's battered, right? (8)
- Pincers a net almost dislodged in undersea environment (10, 2 words)
- Like a chemical compound, denoting 50% iron in blend (10)
- Very foolish, that is about doctor reversing parasites (8)
- Working in gear, i.e. new inside, are its emissions clean? (9)
- Tangle of nerves, separate, having slipped disc (4)
- Rugby skipper in international, unequalled? (4)
- Having nothing to replace a typical surplus (7)
- E.g. Covent Garden cooperage includes it (5)
- It supplies balm to magical sorcery, ultimately (4)
- Shaped like a ring, ring in a form of dilator (8)

### Down

- Help – mark of wound penetrating for worm in the gut (7)
- Being out-of-condition girth, anti work-outs etc (8)
- Traditional inn yard with fair – hurried round (6)
- The government conceal dumping leader? It's from a secret source (6)
- Service using second ball (4)
- In top events he's thrown from horse after mounting block (6)
- What divers use when coming up clutching chest (5)
- Dark reddish-brown I noted in clover shrivelled with glare (11)
- Tiny arachnids leaving Middle East devastated America (5)
- Creation of tailor I love – it certainly stands out (11)
- In the grip of terror, showing blooming irregularity (lax) (8)
- Sailors in eastern greenish-blue that never fades (7)
- At the wicket is protected by such a helmet (6, 2 words)
- Satellite e.g. losing second by the way (6)
- Penguin not seen swimming in creek (6)
- Cue in play may make this – delay about over (5)
- Former movie star the worse for drink? (5)
- Erotic final line dropped by Russian writer (4)

**The Chambers Dictionary (2014) is recommended.**

## Azed No. 2,454 solution & notes

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**Across** 1, pp in clay + do 0; 10, hidden; 14, i.e. c + loam; 17, comp. anag.; 25, ll in o/a v; 28, loss in bo + my!; 33, d + rear; ref. back-seat drivers; 34, anag. incl. n, l, & lit.

**Down** 2, London with Ger. for D; 3, (Shakes)peare; 5, Dr. on go; 7, round in anag. less f; 18, I ax in trial; 22, PE + op LE; 23, m in paper (qv); 29, comp. anag. & lit.

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