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## ACROSS

1 Argue over daughter's news (4)
4 Inventor of old boat was originally correct (9)
9 Sharply swinging both ways, aquiver (8)
10 Regularly slip by fast mum (6)
11 Punishment once upset lad in refuge $(4,6)$
12 Exhausted by choice between diametrically opposite points? (4)
13 Cable with uninitiated rental (4)
15 Team Blue led off, up to the left or right (4-6)
17 Best, eg, to label for moving (10)
20 Decapitated pig's dark-red (4)
22 Square equals two thirds of six? (4)
23 Knocked south, losing seconds in unfavourable sea (10)
25 Fliers returning over El Salvador's islands (6)
26 Journalist resisted sports (8)
27 Boy is into creative subjects, those hiding a burning desire? (9)
28 Girl moaning about hugs (4)

## DOWN

2 Paperwork from folders (7)
3 Romeo, having popped off outside, stopped being soppy (5)
4 Foul, interminable canal seepage
disheartened part of the Med ( 6,3 )
5 Means to decode unknown interrupting energy signal (7)
6 Section of flight concerning gent in a spin? (5)
7 Woman to whom links might portend Ioneliness (4,5)
8 Bore not quite following 10's thread (7)
14 Privately tipped focus ahead of common sense (5,4)
16 Scratching backside, Russian almost tore damaged muscle (9)
18 Satisfactory, to some extent unending,
Pacific campaign (7)
19 What may pursue snakes and large snakes (7)
21 Uncovered penniless, desperate composer (7)
23 Final 60\% of extra pay rises for petty officer (5)
24 Mathematician shunning grand city on the Po (5)

