

ACROSS

- 1 Neat spot to catch returning craft... (8)
 5 ...recruit everyone in vessel (4,2)
 9 People getting free specs are crooked (8)
 10 Mislead guy about the Spanish (6)
 11 Retiring soldiers did their duty (8)
 12 Air journeys without large arguments (6)
 14 Appropriate, beginning to nibble grass in recession (10)
 18 Grandpa's wrong about flower (10)
 22 Westbound sailor with brown palm (6)
 23 One reeks after stirring fuel (8)
 24 Bride oddly appears behind pub - food's served here (6)
 25 Shameful books by yours truly in cellar (8)
 26 These may be deployed with duvets in the end (6)
 27 Blokes do sums in their heads (8)

DOWN

- 1 Aboard ship, try fleeces (6)
 2 Change ends in rage with players... (6)
 3 ...moment after one Frenchman left (6)
 4 Who's on mare for transportation? (10)
 6 Likely to secure lake close to Ayrton Senna, say (8)
 7 Butcher originally lacking expression of glee (8)
 8 Demand guaranteed joy (8)
 13 Extravagant setter's price for following fashion (10)
 15 Puts down a writer over start of story (8)
 16 White nurse ate bananas (8)
 17 Dreamer is supporting trade in it (8)
 19 Secret deliveries accepted by court (6)
 20 Display extremely rare meat (6)
 21 Grand introduction for posh folk (6)

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