ACROSS
1) Gal's guy, slangily
6) Enjoyed a fine meal
11) Worker who serves a queen
14) Letter through a filter
15) Turn on the dramatics
16) "____ be an honor"
17) Some nice soaks
19) Blossom
20) Did one-third of a triathlon
21) Dr. Sabin studied it
23) It goes around the world
27) ____ dog (zesty frankfurter)
29) Cedar tree
30) Sinks
33) Hot, glowing coal
34) Birthplace of Charles de Gaulle
35) Pod occupant
36) Turns on the waterworks
37) Jazz variation

38) Fake bedding item?
39) Full of trickery
40) Half a sawbuck
41) Engraved fabric
42) Held, as a dissolved substance
44) Ringlet producer
45) Corpulent
46) Sheens
47) "Get-up-and-go"
49) "Arf!" or "Woof!"
50) Pub pitcherful
51) Tall plant with tiny white or pink flowers
52) Foaming at the mouth
53) Licorice-like flavor
54) Call to the Coast Guard
55) Preoperative delivery of old
56) Part-time employees, for short

DOWN
1) Black History mo.
2) Bird in a herd
3) Certain retriever, briefly
4) "Ad" add-on
5) Dream team pick
6) Exclude from practice
7) Muslim chief
8) "____ too shabby"
9) Suffix on ordinal numbers
10) Be unable to stand
11) Lover of books
12) Vanity case for milady
13) Edible root of the taro
18) Still life subject, perhaps
22) Prehistoric
23) Texas oil city
24) Shape anew
25) Early Frank Sinatra fans
26) Bad day for Caesar
27) Use a crayon
28) Endangered one's cry
30) Was compatible
31) Eyeglass ____ (optometry patient)
32) Identifiers
34) Flood embankment
37) Babies' protectors
38) Work with mail
40) Comped thing
41) Marsh denizen
43) Belt's relative
44) Street part
46) High-tech surgery tool
47) Kind of production
48) Miscellany
49) Computer file measure
52) It may be modern
53) Cry of contempt
54) Ship's dir., sometimes
55) Deadeye's forte
56) 1/6 of an ounce (Abbr.)
57) "____ just one of the guys"

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