- Each column and row of containers must weigh the same to balance the ship when fully loaded.
- The containers must be shipped from the top down; they cannot be stacked on containers that get shipped to an earlier port.
- The heaviest container must be in the very center.
- The circled numbers represent the number of containers from the most common destination in each row, column, and diagonal.
- Both diagonals contain the same set of destinations, and in the same order when read top to bottom.

