

1863 Ship Mary Cruising in the China Sea

Friday

July 31st

Fresh breeze and squally weather
Boiling and fitting casks
Lat 7.27 N Long 118.32 E
PM cloudy saw drift and
Porpoises no whales seen

Saturday

August 1st

(Wind N to SE)

Strong breeze and squally
Thin Ball in sight
S.S. employed in repairing
casks Lat 7.28 N
PM squally saw drift Wood

Sunday

Aug 2nd

Strong breeze and squally
weather 9 AM Thin Ball
in sight bearing S.W. to
Lat 7 Long 115.48 East

Sunday Aug 9th

Fresh breeze from South
and fair weather strong
E.S.E. breeze S.W. in
sight the last
8 days we have had heavy
gales of wind and much
squalls and have carried
all possible sail but
all to no purpose but grow
every day yesterday found
ourselves in the entrance
of Balabac Strait blowy
and as squally as ever
with our sails strained
and some of them split
so kept off and came thro
the straits at 2 PM the
S.S. bore N staved East
so now we are bound
the Lord knows where I
for it seems of no earthly use
for me to log out any places
as I always sleep up on the

It will never do to give
up do but keep trying
to the end

I in Sooloo Sea & Straits of Macassar

Saturday
Aug 16th

Light airs and fine
weather the Sooloo Sea
in sight dist 25 miles
last Tuesday came through
the Straits of Borneo
on Thursday spoke the
Ship Swallow 9 AM
she reported Rose
fully New York 17th
had many 17000 300
ton up back every body
getting oil left me
Lat 5.32 N Long 121.39 E

Saturday

Aug 22nd

A Mr. light airs Cape River
bearing S.W. 14. S dist. 20 miles
saw a school of sperm whales
lowered trucks and killed
4 lost one by sinking after
he was wounded last night
saw 4 whales close in to the
Cape lowered but did
not get to them they
were so far off saw whales
Tuesday & Wednesday did
not lower as they were so
far off to windward a bark
in sight bound into the
Straits of Macassar

(Wednesday Sept 30th since last date

Came through the Straits of
Macassar and rounded
Borneo 17th anchored at
Pulo Palomangan cooped
oil and got 200 bbls of
water as our water was
at Sabuan leaked out on
account of rotten casks
2nd got under weigh and