

Indian Ocean

1848.

Saturday December 30th

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Saturday commences with fresh gales. Middle part Light winds. Latter part winds Light and fine weather. Lat 36° 40' N Long 184° 30' (Course S 66° E & E 86°)

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Sunday 31st

The last day of this ~~year~~ commences with Light air from all quarters and calm. Middle part calm. Latter part a Light breeze from the Southward and Westward Steering E 86° W first part. Latter part East Lat 31° 04' East.

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Monday January 1st 1849.

Monday 1st

The first part of this year month and day commences with a light breeze from the Southward and Westward and a heavy swell. The Middle part of these 24 hours thick fog and light winds from South Steering E 86° W. Latter part Smart Gale from S 86° E headwinds E 86° E ends with smart breezes and clear weather (A. New Year commences and I now turn over a new Leaf.)

Lat 35° 00' East Long 31° 28'

O. W. Girls if I could be with you to spend New Years Evening I would give a cent however this Voyage is not far over.

Bark Catherwood. Indian Ocean
Wednesday January 2nd 1849.

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(Hours)

These 24 hours commences with brisk breeze from S 86° W. Ship a head wind E 86° E. for the purpose of obtaining Sperm Whales (and what do we want them for, call for the girls eyes it is so) (for with out you have the back you cant shine you will be lesser light) Middle part Light air from N 66° W. Latter part Light air. Middle & Latter parts heading E 86° E & 66° E. South Lat 35° 30' East Long 32° 42'.

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Wednesday 3rd

These 24 hours commences with Light air and heavy swell from S 86° W. The Catherwood heading E 86° E. we have got a little fog a little rain & snow. (Stewards Employed Learning Navigation) (Stewards Employed Eating & Sleeping) Officers one of them Employed Making Shoes - one navigating. & the other a thinking about what a God he has been. At 4-10 in the evening had a shift of wind with a signal of rain from S 86° W. kept the ship E 86° E. Middle & Latter part smart winds from S 86° W. Steering E 86° E. Lat 34° 04' S Long 33° 58' East.

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Thursday 4th

This day commences with smart breeze from the Southward & Westward At first part Steering E 86° E. At 4 p.m. headed up East Wind heading to S 86° E. Middle part Light winds & Hazy. Latter part Light air from the East heading to S 86° East. At 11 o'clock headed to S 86° E ends with Light air and no Whales. Lat 32° 35' S Long 35° 18' East