

Transit and Board Bark Clara Bell

Tuesday Nov 16th 1858
Commenced with a heavy Gale from E & S. E. Bark lying to under close reefed main topsail & spens at 3 p M wind increased more to Southward heading. At 4 p M landed got bottom and 60 fath. heard ship to Eastward wind not so strong made some sail. Middle & Vatter part - wind strong inclined to South & West

Lat 40° 36' 30" S
Long. 51° 15' W

Wednesday 17th
Commenced with rather less wind from S. W. heard ship to Westward and made the masthead saw some smoke. At how much we want some whales. Middle part more Pleasant. Ship heading just under short sail. Vatter part made sail wind spring up from Northward. Emptyja repairing the main top sail. Lat 40° 38' 32" S
Long. 52° 00' W

Thursday 18th
Commenced with moderate breezes from Northward saw a bunch but saw nothing more at sunset. Shortened in with strong hopes of seeing some whales in the morning. Midnight heard ship to the N. N. E. wind falling Vatter part a moderate Gale and cloudy saw two ships. Lat 40° 30' 25" S
Long. 51° 40' W

Friday 19th
Commenced with thick & heavy weather saw Rhinoceros hope soon to see something that we can catch and get some oil. Middle part light air Vatter part made all sail. Lat 40° 30' 50" S
Long. 52° 00' W

Cruising off the River Plate 1858

Saturday Nov 20th 1858
Commenced with light breezes from N. N. W. & N. W. at 5 P M W. S. W. and the Barometer indicated a Gale from S. W. at sunset shortened sail to double reefed topsails. Middle part blowing strong but not a Gale. Vatter part made some sail at 8 A M. Blowing a Gale from W. S. W. by 10 AM. Close reefed main top sail & spens. Lat 40° 00' S
Long. 51° 29' W

Sunday 21st
Commenced with strong Gales from W. S. W. Bark lying to under close reefed main top sail & spens at 7 P M took in the Bon Boat. Middle part blowing strong. Vatter part more moderate with rain & some sail & heard ship to the Westward. Lat 40° 55' S
Long. 52° 10' W

Monday 22nd
Commenced with strong breezes from W. S. W. Bark heading to N. N. W. saw many finbacks and many white whales. Beras hope in many and favour to be blessed to see some whales soon at sunset. Sacked to Southward. Middle part heading S. W. & W. under easy sail. Vatter part wind from the Northward. Course W. S. W. some sail. Lat 40° 42' 00" S
Long. 52° 30' W

Tuesday 23rd
Commenced with moderate breeze from N. E. Course W. S. W. wind inclined to Eastward. Middle part blowing a Gale from Southward. Vatter part more moderate. Made sail wind inclined to W. Bark heading W. S. W. & W. N. W. Lat 40° 42' 00" S
Long. 53° 30' W