

24 Ship Courier White Cruising on Japan

Thursday Aug. 15th 1839 Commences with brisk breezes from the South with squally weather starting by the wind with the starboard tack aboard at night heeled ship to the Westward & shortened sail middle part much as the first at 5 A.M. were ship to the S.E. latter part moderate gales from S.W. with thick cloudy standing to the S.E. with two reefs in the Top Sails. so ends No Observation.

Friday Aug. 16th 1839 Commences with moderate gales from the S.W. with thick raining weather steering by the wind to the S.E. at 6 P.M. took in the Fore Sail & Mizzen Top Sail about reefed the Fore at 11 P.M. took in the Fore Top Sail about reefed the Main at 5 A.M. with the Fore Sail Fore and Mizzen Top Sails at 2 took in the Fore Sails so ends with moderate gales & thick raining weather No Observation.

Saturday Aug. 17th 1839 Commences light airs and calms with thick raining weather at 3 P.M. a breeze sprang up from the North braves round the gale. at 6 P.M. took in Fore & Mizzen Top Sails first part of the night strong breezes with thick raining weather at 12 midnight cleared up at 5 A.M. with the Fore Sail Fore & Mizzen Top Sails with 2 reefs in them at 6 kept off South of 10 A.M. made all Sails so ends with moderate breezes from N.W. & fair weather
Lat by Obs. 30° 24' Long by Obs. 172° 52'

Sunday August 18th 1839 Commences with moderate breezes from the N.W. steering S.E. at 2 P.M. heeled to the wind to the N.E. at night shortened sail middle part light airs from N.E. at 5 A.M. made all Sails at 2 the wind heeled round to the South 10 A.M. in thick & raining were ship took in the Top Sails Course Jolly Hooper put 2 reefs in the Top Sails at 11 took in the Fore & Mizzen Top Sails so ends with moderate gales and thick weather
Lat by Obs. 30° 02' Long by Obs. 173° 38'

Monday Aug. 19th Commences with moderate gales from the S.E. with fair weather at 2 P.M. with the Fore & Mizzen Top Sails kept off N.E. at 6 took them in again heeled to the wind middle part light breezes at 8 A.M. at the Fore Sails and Fore & Mizzen Top Sails at 2 kept off to S.W. turned the reef out so ends Lat by Obs. 30° 52' Long 173° 21'

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Tuesday Aug. 20th 1839 Commences with brisk breezes from the E.S.E. with clear weather steering to S.W. with whole Top Sails Main & Sails up at 5 P.M. saw Whales bound quick to the Eastward heeled the ship to the wind & put 2 reefs in the Top Sails down two but to see night to do anything with. A plenty of Whales in all directions. Called the boats on board and took in sail for the night took in the Fore Sail Fore & Mizzen Top Sails middle part moderate gale with clear weather at 5 A.M. at the Top Sails & Fore Sail half part 5 saw Whales to the weather of the ship bound quick to the wind and about 10 minutes after one broke water start under the ship he down with the lee boat after him but he proceeded with the ship and stopped before the boat could get to him. Called the boat on board turned one reef out of the Main & Mizzen Top Sails with the Hooper Main Sail & Sails. More Whales in sight off the ship he bow at 8 took in the Main Sail to much wind for it about 9 A.M. got a whale under our lee very handy lured away the lee boat and got within about two darts away had sea bore the boat off in going round his head so he went off took up the boat & took in the Fore & Mizzen Top Sails. about reefed the Main. so ends with a gale of wind from the Eastward.

Lat by Obs. 30° 49' Long by Obs. 172° 19'

Wednesday Aug. 21st 1839 Commences with moderate gales from the Eastward with rain squalls heading to the South with a short reef Main Top Sail & Fore Sail up at 6 P.M. took in the Fore Sail middle part much as the first at 6 A.M. with the Fore Sail latter part moderate gales with clear weather no prospects of the wind abating so ends Lat by Obs. 29° 46' Long by Obs. 172° 02' East

Thursday Aug. 22nd 1839 Commences with brisk gales from the Eastward with clear weather very bad sea on at 1 P.M. took in the Fore Sail sent down the Fore & Mizzen Top Sails. middle part more moderate at daylight the wind began to increase at 2 A.M. took in the Main Boat and wore ship to the North latter part brisk gales from E by N lying by under a short reefed Main Top Sail & Fore Top mast Stay Sail a heavy sea on so ends these 24 hours
Lat by Obs. 29° 27' North.