

Ship Courier Whist Cruising on the Coast Japan.

Sunday Sept. 15th 1879 Commences with moderate gales from the S.W. with cloudy weather at 1 P.M. kept off East the Packet in company at 2 P.M. exchanged Signals with a Ship that was hoisting this in the Signal at 3 P.M. took in the Fore Sail & Mizzen Top Sail about reefed the Fore parted company with the Packet at 4 P.M. about reefed the Main Top Sail at 6 took in the Fore Top Sail and luffed the Ship to the wind to the S.W. first part of the night brisk gales with sun rain at 12 midnight the wind hauled to the N.W. and moderated at 5 A.M. with the Fore Sail about reefed Fore & Mizzen Top Sails turned one reef out of the Main Top Sail at 8 kept off N.E. at 9 turned one reef out of the Fore Top Sail so ends with brisk wind & fair weather Lat by Obs. 29.21 Long by Calc. 174.53 East.

Monday Sept. 16th 1879 Commences with a brisk breeze from the N.W. with fair weather steering E.S.E. at 4 P.M. luffed the Ship to the wind to the South middle part very moderate heavy swell from the North at 5 A.M. made all Sail. later part a light air from East steering by the wind with the larboard tack aboard employed repairing the Fore Top Gallant Sail so ends Lat by Obs. 29.35 North.

Tuesday Sept. 17th 1879 Commences with a light air from the Westward with overcast weather steering by the wind with the larboard tack aboard at 6 P.M. shortened Sail for the night first part of the night calm at 1 A.M. the wind sprang up from the S.E. stood to the S.W. at 6 A.M. wore Ship to the Eastward at 10 A.M. the wind breezed on to a moderate gale took in the Fore Sail & Mizzen Top Sail about reefed the Fore & Main so ends with moderate gales thick overcast weather a great many Birds about Lat by Obs. 29.43 North Long by Calc. 175.40 East.

Wednesday Sept. 18th 1879 Commences with moderate gales from the South steering N.W. at 6 P.M. luffed to the Wind to the S.W. took in the Fore Top Sail middle part thick weather with sun rain at 5 A.M. with about reef Top Sails at 6 kept off N.W. at 10 saw a Ship with the Fore Sail turned one reef out of the Top Sails luffed up E.N.E. so ends these 24 hours.

Lat by Obs. 30.41 North Long by Calc. 176.00 East.

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Thursday Sept. 19th 1879 Commences with brisk winds from the South steering N.E. & E.N.E. at 5 P.M. the weather shot in thick & raining took in the Fore Sail Fore & Mizzen Top Sails about reefed the Main wore Ship and luffed to the wind to the S.W. middle part moderate with thick rainy weather as usual at daylight with the Top Sails about reefed latter part calm with a heavy swell on and a thick fog so ends this day Lat by Obs. 30.54 North.

Friday Sept. 20th 1879 Commences with light airs & calms with thick foggy weather Ship going fast as she was a mind too with about reef Top Sails with middle part much the same latter part moderate breeze from the S.E. with thick weather at 9 A.M. turned the reefs out with the Top Sails gibby. Spanker at which the weather shot in thick & rained heavy doubled reef the Top Sails so ends. No Observations.

Saturday Sept. 21st 1879 Commences with off light airs from the South with thick rainy weather about 1 P.M. it lighted up saw a Shoal of large Whales on the Ship's weather bow going quick to the S.W. hored away two Boats in about half of an hour hored away the other boat took a breeze from the E.S.E. and a plenty of fog with it wore Ship steered for the Whales got very handy to one but he took the hint and made off with him self at 3 P.M. took up one boat at 4 called the others on board joined to give up the whale on the account of the weather took in the Fore Sail Fore & Mizzen Top Sails and let her mull better luck next time a hope. middle part light air from N.W. to S.E. with cloudy weather at 6 A.M. with the Top Sails about reefed light breeze from S.E. at 9 A.M. turned one reef out with the Main Sail & Spanker at 10 the weather cleared up sun made all Sail on the Ship saw Black Fish at 11 saw a Shoal of large Whales 2 points of the Ship's weather bow heading to the leeward to the S.W. very slow saw them turn flash then hored away the boats in about 1 hour the whale came up to the weather of the boats & of a mid off going to the windward with Black Fish which frightened them's expect so ends in chasing the Whales with but a very little prospects of getting them Lat by Obs. 30.53 N Long by Calc. 176.00 East.