

Ship Courier Whist Whaling in the South Pacific

Friday Feb. 14th 1840 Commences with a calm at 3 P.M. took a light breeze from the South stood to the S.E. at 5 P.M. bent the Fore Sail at 6 shortened Sail for the night middle part moderate breeze & pleasant weather at daylight made Sail at 6 A.M. saw 3 wrecks to the weather of the ship half past 8 saw them again at 9 tracked for them but saw nothing more at 11 tracked to the S.E. strong winds from S.E. took in the S.D. so ends at Meridian kept off N.W. Lat by Obs. 25° 20' South Long by Calc. 164° 41' West.

Saturday Feb. 15th 1840 Commences with brisk winds from the S.E. & fair weather steering N.W. at 2 P.M. heaved to the Wind to the S.W. at 6 P.M. shortened Sail for the night middle brisk winds & cloudy weather at daylight turned the reef out in the Main Sail at 6 into the M.S.D. at 11 took in the M.S.D. put 2 reefs in the Top Sails so ends with brisk winds employed repairing a Sail Lat by Obs. 26° 00' South Long by Calc. 165° 25' West.

Sunday Feb. 16th 1840 Commences with brisk winds from the S.E. with fair weather steering by the wind with the larboard tacks aboard with 2 reefs in the Top Sails at night took in the Main Sail & 100% Spanker middle part much as the first at 6 A.M. turned one reef out of the Top Sails in the Main Sail & 100% Spanker latter part brisk winds with fair weather so ends Lat by Obs. 27° 25' South Long by Calc. 166° 10'

Monday Feb. 17th 1840 Commences with brisk winds from the S.E. with fair weather steering by the wind with the larboard tacks aboard at 6 P.M. took in the Main Sail & 100% Spanker put another reef in the Top Sails & wore ship middle part wind from E.S.E. at 5 A.M. into the S.D. & Spanker at 10 into the Main Sail latter part more moderate wind E by S. at 12 wore ship turned one reef out of the Top Sails so ends. Lat by Obs. 27° 15' South Long by Calc. 166° 55' West.

Tuesday Feb. 18th 1840 Commences with brisk winds from the S.E. steering by the wind with the larboard tacks aboard one reef in the Top Sails at 6 P.M. shortened Sail for the night middle part more moderate at daylight made all Sail latter part moderate breeze from S.E. employed repairing a Sail so ends Lat by Obs. 28° 38' South Long by Calc. 166° 20' West.

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Wednesday Feb. 19th 1840 Commences with brisk winds from S.E. & fair weather steering by the wind with the larboard tacks aboard at 5 P.M. took in the Main Sail at 6 P.M. shortened Sail for the night middle part brisk winds heading E by N. at 6 A.M. into the Main Sail at 10 turned one reef out of the Main Top Sail with the M.S.D. kept off N.E. by N. so ends these 24 hours. Lat by Obs. 28° 25' South Long by Calc. 165° 30' West.

Thursday February 20th 1840 Commences with brisk winds from the S.E. with fair weather steering N.W. at 6 P.M. took in the Main S.D. Main Sail Spanker put another reef in the Main Top Sail heaved the ship to the wind to the S.W. middle part more moderate at 5 A.M. turned one reef out of the Top Sails in the M.S.D. Main Sail & Spanker at 6 kept off N.W. E. latter part brisk winds and fair weather so ends. Lat by Obs. 26° 40' South Long by Calc. 164° 23' West.

Friday Feb. 21st 1840 Commences with brisk winds from the S.E. & steering N.W. at 1 P.M. took in the Main S.D. at 4 doubled reefed the Fore & Main Top Sails. at 6 P.M. took in the Main Sail & 100% Spanker that reefed the Main Top Sail heaved the ship to the wind to the N.E. middle part more moderate wind E.S.E. at 5 A.M. into the S.D. at 8 into the Main Sail latter part brisk winds from the S.E. steering by the wind with the larboard tacks aboard 2 reefs in the Top Sails so ends. Lat by Obs. 24° 58' South Long by Calc. 163° 12' West.

Saturday Feb. 22nd First part of these 24 hours brisk wind from the S.E. with fair weather steering by the wind to the N.E. at 1 P.M. took in the Main Sail at 6 P.M. took in the S.D. & wore ship to the South middle part more moderate at daylight turned one reef out of the Top Sails in the Main Sail & 100% Spanker at 6 wore ship to the N.E. at 9 kept off North so ends with fair weather Lat by Obs. 24° 33' South Long by Calc. 162° 34' West.

Sunday Feb. 23rd 1840 Commences with brisk winds from the S.E. with cloudy weather steering N.W. with one reef in the Top Sails at 6 P.M. doubled reefed took in the Fore Sail & S.D. middle part more moderate at 5 A.M. into the S.D. & Fore Sail at 6 kept off N.W. at 9 heaved the ship to the S.E. so ends with moderate gale and clear weather Lat by Obs. 23° 58' South Long by Calc. 163° 46' West.