

Ship Courier Whist Cruising in the North Sea

Sunday August 9th 1840 Commenced with fresh breeze from the E. & S. with fair weather steering NW at 2 P.M. in the M.D.S. at 5 P.M. luffed to the wind to the North at 7 took in the Fore & Mizzen Top Sails put 2 reefs in the main took in the 2nd middle part more moderate at 5 A.M. in the main sail 2nd and spanker at 9 A.M. turned the reefs out of the 2nd sail & one out of the Fore Mizzen remainder of the day fair weather so ends.

Lat by Obs. 30.22 N Long by Chrt. 173.07

Monday August 10th 1840

Commenced with fresh breezes from the E. & S. with fair weather steering by the wind to the North with single reef Top Sails at 5 P.M. saw Whales half past 5 bore the boats struck one Whale in about 5/4 of an hour high about sunned struck another got the boat stove and out from him the other men and sounded bad could not get near him night came on & out from him at half past 7 took up the Boats & took in Sail stood to the South at 1 A.M. wore Ship at 5 A.M. in the Top Sails with two reefs in them at the 2nd & spanker at 7 in the main sail latter part brisk winds employed repairing stoven Boats a number of fin backs in sight so ends.

Lat by Obs. 31.13 Long by Chrt. 172.53

Tuesday August 11th 1840 Commenced with brisk winds from the Eastward with fair weather steering by the wind to the North at 6 P.M. wore Ship at 7 shortened Sail for the night middle part more moderate at 5 A.M. made all sail at 8 A.M. saw Whales half past 8 bore for them about half past 9 finished a large Whale at 10 struck one & turned him up half past 11 took him along side so ends these 24 hours.

Lat by Obs. 31.13 Long by Chrt. 172.35 East.



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Wednesday August 12th 1840 Commenced with moderate breeze with fair weather half past 12 hooked on to the Whale at half past 7 finished cutting braced forward stood to the South at 10 commenced hoisting at 12 wore Ship at 5 A.M. turned the reefs out of the main Top Sail latter part brisk winds with fair weather employed boiling and cutting Lumps so ends.

Lat by Obs. 31.22 Long by Chrt. 172.24 East.

Thursday August 13th 1840 Commenced

with moderate breeze from the Eastward with pleasant weather standing to the E. & S. employed boiling middle part much the same at 2 A.M. wore Ship at daylight turned the reefs out in the M.D.S. saw one Ship latter part fine pleasant weather saw fin backs & Porpoises so ends Lat by Obs. 31.07 Long by Chrt. 172.33 East.

Friday August 14th 1840 Commenced

with moderate breezes from the Eastward with fair weather steering by the wind to the North at 7 P.M. shortened Sail half past 7 finished boiling at 10 wore Ship middle part moderate at 5 A.M. turned the reefs out of the Top Sails & commenced breaking out the Fore Peak to stow the Oil at 11 the wind increased to a gale put 2 reefs in the Top Sails so ends with thick weather. Lat by Obs. 31.00 North.

Saturday August 15th 1840

Commenced with fresh gales from the Eastward with thick weather at 1 P.M. took in the 2nd & spanker & Fore Top Sail at 2 took in the Mizzen Top Sail at 4 got all the Oil down that was cool enough washed off middle part brisk gale with thick weather bying to the under class reef main Top Sail & foreers latter part brisk gale with clear weather so ends. Lat by Obs. 32.11 Long by Chrt. 172.46 East.

Sunday August 16th 1840 Commenced

with brisk gales from the N.W. with clear weather standing to the Eastward under short sail middle part more moderate at 5 A.M. in double reef Top Sails at 7 wore Ship to the N.W. latter part brisk winds with fair weather saw Porpoises so ends.

Lat by Obs. 32.17 Long by Chrt. 173.12 East.