

Ship Courier Whist Cruising in the North Pacific

Friday Sept. 23rd 1840 Commences with moderate breeze from the S.W. with fine pleasant weather steering N.W. with all sail set at 4 P.M. found my Longitude to be out of the way by a mistake in the Alt. wore ship and steered E by N with all sail set middle & latter part moderate breeze with fine pleasant weather steering E by N latter part employed in taking up sum of our Digging at meridian hauled to the wind to the S.E. so ends
Lat by Obs. 31.24 Long by Calc. 171.30 East

Saturday Sept. 24th 1840 Commences with a very light air from the S.W. with fine pleasant weather steering by the wind with the starboard tacks aboard one ship in sight to the Westward of us at 6 P.M. shortened sail middle part calm at day light made all sail latter part a moderate breeze from the Westward with pleasant weather saw five backs Green porpoises & Blackfish so ends. Lat by Obs. 30.44 Long by Calc. 171.37 East

Sunday Sept. 25th 1840 Commences with light air and calms. at 2 P.M. took a breeze from the North steered to the Westward at 6 P.M. took in the Fore & Main Top Sails but 2 mugs in the Main middle part moderate breeze from South with fine pleasant weather at day light wore ship to the Eastward & made all sail at 7 A.M. kept off S.E. at 11 luffed to the wind to the E.N.E. saw a good many fish backs so ends Lat by Obs. 30.34 Long by Calc. 171.30

Monday Sept. 26th 1840 Commences with a moderate breeze from the N.W. with fine pleasant weather steering by the wind with the starboard tacks aboard all sail set at 6 P.M. shortened sail middle part brisk winds with fair weather latter part much the same single reef in the Top Sails saw five backs so ends.
Lat by Obs. 30.43 Long by Calc. 173.08 East.

Tuesday Sept. 27th 1840 Commences with a brisk breeze from North steering by the wind with the starboard tacks aboard at 6 P.M. shortened sail middle part moderate breeze at day light made all sail at 7 saw a large whale bound to the Westward very quick at 8 lured the boats but never getting enough to see him after we lured at 12 took up the boat so ends with a calm
Lat by Obs. 30.40 Long by Calc. 173.49 East.

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Wednesday Sept. 30th 1840 Commences with a calm first part the night the same at 12 took a breeze from the N.W. steered North at 5 A.M. set the M.T.G. at 6 kept off E by N latter part brisk winds with fair weather steering E by N at 12 halted up N.E. so ends.
Lat by Obs. 30.54 Long by Calc. 174.30 East

Thursday Oct. 1st 1840 Commences with brisk breeze from the N.W. with cloudy weather steering N.E. half past 5 P.M. saw Whales to near night to do any thing with whales run distance off day not done the boats luffed the ship to the wind & shortened sail middle part light air inclined to calm latter part calm until 11 A.M. then a moderate breeze sprung up from N.W. made all sail by the wind to the North so ends. Lat by Obs. 31.02 Long by Calc. 175.20 East.

Friday Oct. 2nd 1840 Commences with a moderate breeze from the N.W. with pleasant weather steering by the wind with starboard tacks aboard on bent the M.T.G. sail & bent another at 6 P.M. shortened sail middle part brisk winds at 5 A.M. made all sail at 6 wore ship at 7 split the Tails on bent it & bent another kept off S.E. latter part pleasant weather employed repairing up the sails M.T.G. sail at 12 luffed up South so ends Lat by Obs. 31.10 Long by Calc. 175.30 East.

Saturday Oct. 3rd 1840 Commences with a moderate breeze from the Westward with fair weather steering South saw Porpoises at 6 P.M. shortened sail & luffed to the wind to the N.W. at midnight wore ship at 5 A.M. made all sail at 6 A.M. wore ship & steered S.E. by E latter part moderate breeze with fine pleasant weather employed repairing the Fore T.G. sail so ends
Lat by Obs. 30.30 N

Sunday Oct. 4th 1840 Commences with a moderate breeze from the Westward with fair weather steering S.E. at 1 P.M. saw Whales of numerous counts not made them out lured away the boats in hopes they were sperm whales but very quick found our mistake they proved to be fin back took up the boats kept the ship her course at 6 P.M. took in the M.T. Fore & M.T.G. sails kept off E by N middle part much as the first at 7 A.M. halted up N.E. with a fresh driving tail latter part brisk breeze and cloudy so ends Lat by Obs. 30.24 Long by Calc. 176.00 East.

at 3 P.M. made the light between the 29th & 30th made the Long 176.35-40 by 30th 175.35-40 by 31st 174.30-35