

Ship Courier Whist Cruising in the North Pacific

Saturday May 3rd 1841 Commences with brisk winds from NNE with thick rainy weather steering S by W with double reef Main Top Sail & Fore Sail set middle part much the same at daylight turned the reef out set the Top Sails & Main S. S. Sail at 10 let the M. T. S. run downy hauled up the Fore Sail for the Gales to come up latter part brisk winds with cloudy weather steering W by N so ends Lat by Obs. 27.47 Long by Calc. 138.30 East.

Sunday May 4th 1841 Commences with a brisk breeze from NE by E with overcast weather steering W by N at 5 spoke the Gales at 8 took in all but single reef Main Top Sail & Fore Sail middle part much as the first part steering S by W at daylight made Sail at 9 the wind breezed on took in all but a short reef Main Top Sail & Fore Sail then took in the want boat brisk gales with thick rainy weather sent the M. T. S. Yard down so ends steering S by W No Observations

Monday May 10th 1841 Commences with brisk gales and thick rainy weather the barometer falling fast at 2 P.M. took in the Fore Sail and luffed to the wind to the South at 4 P.M. took in the Main Top Sail half part 4 the reef left us with a very bad sea on running in all directions turned up the Barter boats and secured every thing at 7 a breeze struck from the NNE and blowed heavy until midnight with rain stood on the western track with the Main Spencer & Foretop mast stay sail set after 12 the wind began to moderate at daylight wore Ship set the Fore & Main Top Sails short reefed at 1 set the Fore Sail & Main Top Sail short reefed latter part brisk gales from NE by N with clear weather so ends Lat by Obs. 26.26 Long 139.23

Tuesday May 11th 1841 Commences with a brisk gale from the NE with clear weather steering by the wind with the starboard tanks aboard short reef Top Sails & Fore Sail set middle part more moderate at daylight turned the reef out set the Sails & Fore at 7 A.M. put the want boat out on the cranes & set the Main Top Sail at 8 A.M. tacked to the North latter part brisk breezes from the ENE with pleasant weather employed repairing the Main T. S. Sail so ends Lat by Obs. 26.00 N Long by Calc. 136.44 East.

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Wednesday May 12th 1841 Commences with a brisk breeze from East with fair weather steering by the wind with the starboard tanks aboard all sail set middle part wind ESE heading up NE latter part much the same so ends. Lat by Obs. 27.28 N Long by Calc. 137.50

Thursday May 13th 1841 Commences with a brisk wind from the SE with cloudy weather steering NE with all sail set at sunset double reefed the Top Sails took in the starboard middle part wind from SE at daylight turned one reef out of the Top Sails at 8 put them in again took in the Main Sail & Fore at 9 took in the Main Top Sail at 11 short reefed the Fore and Main Top Sail so ends with a brisk gale from the South with rain steering East so ends No Observations saw a Ship

Friday May 14th 1841 Commences with a brisk gale from the S by W with thick rainy weather at 1 P.M. took in the Fore Sail and luffed to the wind to the SE middle part more moderate latter part tolerable fair weather made Sail & steered East at 12 luffed to the wind to the South so ends there 24 hours. Lat by Obs. 28.52 N Long by Calc. 140.10 East.

Saturday May 15th 1841 Commences with a light air from the W by N with smoky weather steering by the wind with the starboard tanks aboard at 6 P.M. spoke the Ship Charles Drees of Fair Haven 93 months out 1600 bbls. at sunset shortened Sail for the night middle part light air and calm at daylight made Sail at 8 A.M. on board the Main Top Sail to repair at 10 took a breeze from the Eastward steered by the wind to the South employed repairing the Main Top Sail thick weather the Charles Drees in sight and one other Ship so ends Lat by Obs. 28.23 North.

