

Ship Hibernia at Sea W. Simmons Master

December 1844

Sunday the 1st

Light breeze from S ship heading NW
saw plenty of fin backs at sun down
shortened sail saw a mysterious acting
whale covered a boat and found him to
be a right whale acting as if he had been
fastened to middle part light air at day
light made all sail ship heading S E & W
at 10 more ship heading W saw plenty of fin backs

Lat 34.21

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Monday the 2nd

Light air from S ship heading NW
saw fin backs at sun down took in the
light sails at day light made all sail all
the day calm Lat 34.02
got out bread & vinegar

Long by Chron 77.10.15
By Lunar 76.45.30
Diff 24.45

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Tuesday the 3rd

Light air and ebb tides middle part a light
breeze from the Northward steering NW by N
at 6 AM hauled to the reefed heading NW
with all sail set fresh breeze from NW
the North Lat 34.14

Long by Chron 76.15.45
By Lunar 75.31.15
Diff 24.30

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Wednesday the 4th

Fresh breeze from N ship heading NW
with all sail set at sun down doubled
reefed the topsails at day light set whole
topsails at 6 AM steering S E & W 30 miles
latter part fresh breeze and thick weather
Lat 34.05
Long 75.00

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Thursday the 5th

Fine breeze from N ship heading NW
a rather a little thick saw nothing
at sun down doubled reefed the topsails
and hauled to the reefed heading S E & W
middle and latter part fresh breeze but
the fore and main sails heading NW by N
got out water and flour Lat 35.11

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Friday the 6th

Fresh breeze from N ship heading NW
at 5 PM took in the main sail at day light
made sail steering N latter part fine weather
so ends this nothing in sight Lat 34.00
Long 76.09