

Ship Hibernia at Sea W. Linnam Master

December 1844

Saturday the 7th

Fine breeze from S.E. ship heading E at 4 P.M.
tacked ship heading S.W. carrying all sail standing
whole watches middle part breeze light steering
S.W. latter part calm so ends Lat 34.21

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Sunday the 8th

Commences with a calm a few birds in sight
middle part the same latter part a light
air from S.E. ship heading S.W.
Lat 34.26

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Monday the 9th

A light breeze from S.E. ship heading S.W. saw
grampuses middle part breeze from W. steering
S.W. latter part fine breeze steering S.E.
nothing in sight Lat 35.34
Long 76.37

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December 10th 1844

Tuesday the 10th

Fine breeze from W. steering S.E. saw
2 sulphur-bottoms middle part fine breeze
steering the same at 4 P.M. spoke the
sloop Flower of Bedford 8 months 2 whales
met with her steering from S.W. ends
S.W. so ends Lat 37.17

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Wednesday the 11th

Fine breeze from W. steering S.W. at
4 P.M. saw several whales from
both ships lowered all boats & all
of our boats fastened turned up 2 P.M.
made one to the ship towed the other
until after dark, waggled him and
went on board, drawn from the throat
spouting thin blood. The lightboard boat
got stove slightly but half a line taken
in sail both ships middle part strong
breeze and part of day light commenced cutting for home
parted the Mayflower went in search of the other whale
latter part strong wind and ruggled with rain saw the
land bearing E distance 6 miles so ends saw 4 P.M. hoily

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Thursday the 12th

At 2 P.M. wind hauled to W.N.W. and
clear and nearly calm commenced boiling
made all sail standing up shore the 16th
caught up sight middle part light wind slanting
of shore latter part strong breeze doubled reefed the
topsails saw 4 ships steering for the land so ends
employed in boiling Lat 37.40