

Ship Hibernia at Sea of the River de la Plata

March 1846

Thursday the 13th

Fresh breezes from N. by W. and fine weather ship heading N. by E. watch employed in ship duty middle and latter part the same saw a Brig steering S.W.

Lat 38.20
Long 50.30

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Friday the 14th

Light breeze from the North-east and fine weather all hands employed in making and provisions and working sail middle part tacked ship heading N.W. by W. latter part the same so ends

Lat 38.08

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Saturday the 15th

Light breeze from N. by E. ship heading N.W. by W. watch employed in ship duty middle and latter part the same saw a Brig steering N.W.

Lat 37.40
Long 51.30

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Sunday the 16th

Fresh breezes from N. ship heading N.W. by W. doubled reefed the fore and main topmasts at 8 P.M. were ship heading N. by E. 1/2 S. middle part the same latter part fresh breezes

Lat 37.04

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Monday the 16th

Fresh breezes from N. by W. ship heading N. by E. all sail set and middle and latter part the same watch employed in ship duty

Lat 36.00

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Tuesday the 17th

Fine breezes from the North at 3 P.M. tacked ship heading N. by W. saw a fair track with N.W. middle part wind light fresh ship heading N. by E. at 8 P.M. wind hauled N.W. with rain sharp lightning and heavy thunder at 8 P.M. good weather made sail and moved the main heads one man forward the Capt. and George Bradley and the main saw a cloud rising with rain but no lightning the Capt. started to come down when a flash of lightning struck the main royal mast and came down striking the iron work all the way down the topmast except through the combings room the main mast and struck a crew bar that lay on the cable in the chain pin and went out some where could not trace it any further split the main and mast some part George Bradley from his left shoulder down to the bottom of his foot had his leg caught in the cross-tree which saved him from falling down no other damage done was our fire

Lat 35.16