

Heavy Trade Winds

JANUARY
14 Monday

Saturday Nov 13th

A good breeze from the east steering south by west behind for the heyn under all sail but main royal. the watch at work making another sword mat and stripping old rope and netting yarns to make spun yarn. about noon heard the log and found her to be a going about ten knots through the water. two sails in sight. about eight in the evening look in fore and mized topgallant sails so ends this day.

Sunday Nov 14th

This day commences with light winds from the eastward steering south by east bound for the line. all hands idle. one sail in sight a bark steering to the westward. in the afternoon look in the main topgallant sail blowing hard. in the evening took the cover of the wheel and oiled it. so ends this day.

Monday Nov 15th

This day commences with strong winds from the east north east steering south by east bound for the cape. all hands idle. in the morning saw large white waters to leeward we kept off but did not see them again. in the afternoon took in the main topgallant sail and the flying jib and spanker. blowing hard. the watch at work repairing the boats and setting up the fore topmast truck. day sea running high and vessel very quiet so ends this day.

16 Wednesday

Tuesday Nov 16th

This day commences with light winds from the north east steering south by west bound for the trustene ground to cruise the watch at work setting the fore top mast and main topgallant standing sails and drying yarns to make spun yarn. in the afternoon took out beef pork beans rice and dried apples. we then cleared up deck and got supper of hard bread and salt pork. about sunset set main royal. so ends this day.

Cape de Verde islands

JANUARY
17 Thursday

Wednesday Nov 17th

This day commences with light winds from the eastward steering south by east bound for the trustene ground.

in the morning raised land two points off our lee bow. the watch at work getting up standing sail trims and making a sword mat and netting rope yarn. in the afternoon saw a school of small sperm whales. we lowered the boat and pulled for them and the second mate's frigate darter but missed. they then started to windward and we after them but we soon gave them up and returned to vessel and set sail and kept her course. so ends our first days whaling aboard the Hunter

18 Friday

Thursday Nov 18th

This day commences with light winds from the east north east steering south by east bound for the trustene ground. in the morning set the main royal. the watch at work getting yarns and plaining the cars and fixing the boats. one sail in sight a ship steering south west. so ends this day.

Friday Nov 19th

This day commences with light winds from the eastward steering south by east bound for trustene. the watch at work netting yarns and making spun yarn and doing other duties of the day. so ends this day.

19 Saturday

Saturday Nov 19th

This day commences with a calm or very light winds from the eastward steering south by west. the watch at work setting up the rigging for a gun. in the morning saw a school of black fish. one of the boats and the lugger boat got one that would make about half barrel. the watch at work getting him in and cleaning. in the afternoon saw another school. lowered the boat but did not fasten. two sails in sight. about sunset saw another school but did not follow so ends this day.