

Ship Israel Near the Cape of Good Hope 1841

Saturday March 27th Commenced with light breeze from SSE and squally ship's head SW all sail set. People employed in various jobs at 2 PM the wind hauled to South we tacked ship's head to the Eastward at 5 PM tacked again to the SW latter part fresh breeze ship's head E by S at 11 AM tacked to the South wind SE East we haul had a continual run of Eastley wind the last 8 days blowing a little from S by E to SW so end of this day

Lat obs'd 34° 33' South
Long by Chron 11° 30' East

Sunday March 28th 1841. Light breeze from SE and first part of these 24 hours light breeze from SE and fine weather ship's head by the wind E by S at 4 PM tacked to the SW at 10 AM tacked to the Eastward latter part moderate breeze from SW course SE set the standing sails and on all sail to the best advantage so end of this day
Lat obs'd 34° 53' South
Long by Chron 11° 30' East

Monday March 29th Commenced with gentle breeze from SW and passing cloud course SE with all sail set at 1 PM so a shoal of sperm whales at the same time hauling up for them and tacking the standing sails at 2 PM hoisted for them at 2:30 struck one at 6 PM tacked to the ship's head and set the quarter watch middle part calm at 6 AM cald all hands and hooked on an commenced cutting at 9 had the head of sword 2 men sick of duty

Lat obs'd 34° 57' South
Long by Chron 11° 30' East

Tuesday March 30th Commenced with light airy from N West fine pleasant weather we employed cutting at 5 finished and set the fore sail ship's head SE at 11 AM began to haul at daylight saw 8 ships steering SE at 8 AM made sail and kept off E by N all hands employed cutting up junk and clearing the deck so end of day 2 men sick of duty and we are short hands enough

Lat obs'd 35° 05' South
Long by Chron 11° 35' East

Wednesday March 31st Being with gentle breeze from NW and fine pleasant weather ship's head SSE with all prudent sail set employed hauling, Leeward watch below at 6 PM steered SSE the steam ship to the SE at 11 PM finished hauling the head latter part fresh breeze and pleasant we steered several courses of sailing in order to keep the topsails flying from East to SSE and carried all prudent sail so end of

Latitude by observation 35° 31' South
Longitude by Chronometer 12° 43'

Thursday April the 1st 8° 47' S.D.

First part of these 24 hours gentle breeze from SW and fine weather course SE by E we employed by line, not any thing in sight at 2 AM fins being little better in cald side breeze from South we steered by the wind to the ESE all hands employed stowing down so end of this day with 2 sick men
Lat obs'd 34° 57' South
Long by Chron 14° 46' East

Friday April 2nd Commenced with strong breeze from South and passing cloudy ship's head by the wind ESE at 4 PM finished stowing all the oil that was safe enough to stow at 8 PM set the mainsail ship's head E by N wind hauling to the Eastward John Keegan being run over by the last 7 weeks he complains of pains in his loins it is the Rheumatism middle part fresh gale from SE by E latter part strong gale we steered to the Eastward under double reefed main topsail and close reefed fore and mizen ship's head E by N so end of 2 men sick as usual
Lat obs'd 33° 41' South
Long by Chron 16° 00' East

Saturday April 3rd Commenced with fresh gale from SSE and a rough sea ship's head East under easy sail at 1:30 PM set the course and trimmed 1 reef out of the fore and mizen topsails at 4 PM saw a Barque steering North, the weather looks bad Thermometer at 70 & Barometer at 29.00 miles part calm at 5 AM began to steered at 8 got the oil all down at 9 mid the land near table Bay at midday finished stowing off any beer to clear ship so end of steering down for the land no other

Sunday April the 4th the comes in with light breeze from NW and pleasant we steering in for the land, all hands employed cleaning ship at 3 PM began to clear the decks at 4 had them of the boards and cables bent at 5 PM saw the shipping in Cape town harbor at 6 PM came to anchor in 7 fathoms water in Table Bay and received the double biscuits from the Harbor master or port Captain at 7 the Capt went on shore so end of the day

Sunday April the 4th According to our reckoning that is beginning for the Civil Day at 8 PM the Starboard watch went on shore on liberty so end of

At anchor in 7 fathoms water with the light in middle Bay at bearing NW by N 1 mile dist