

On Board Ship Leonidas of Fairhaven

1838

Thursday
8th of
February

P.M. Commences with strong S.S.W. gails
& passing clouds middle part make moderate
heading to the S.E. later part light
breezes & Calms Saw several whale board
Chaise & could not fathom these 24 hours
Ends with light N.E. winds & hazy weather

Latitude by Obs 42° 14'

Friday
9th

P.M. Commences with fresh N.E. winds
& change weather at 2.30 heard for a whale
without success at 3 blowing strong double
reef 2 sails at 5 Commenced raining took
in sails took the boats up on the upper
boards got the supper & sat the watch at
12 middle part wore ship to the N.E.
hard gails & a rough sea running later
part more moderate thick fog & some rain

No Observation

Saturday
10

P.M. Commences with strong N.E. winds thick
fog & light rains at 5 the wind hauled to N.E. & W.
the fog cleared with light winds made small sail
heading to the North later part fresh breeze from
N.E. & clear set single reef 2 sails at 10 took
ship saw 2 finbacks the watch employed in
repairing No. 2 sail

Latitude 42° 07'
Long at 3 P. Meridian 41° 55'

Sunday
11th

P.M. Commences with strong strong breezes
from N.E. & W. with flying clouds at
2.30 a wright whale went out of
sight in the sun glade double reef 2
sails put on No. 1 sail & gill at 5.30 strong
gails & a rough sea running took in 2
& No. 2 sails heading to the west the watch
employed in repairing No. 2. S. middle &
later part strong gails attended with fog
& rain at 8 P.M. wore ship to N.E.

No Observation

In The South Atlantic Ocean To. A. Stuart

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Commander

February Monday
12th

P.M. Commences with strong N.E. winds
attended with rain & fog middle & later
part lively breezes from N.E. & W. with
passing clouds at 6 P.M. squared the
masts top of East the watch employed in
mending sails saw nothing

Latitude 41° 49' S
Longitude at 3 P.M. 40° 09' E.

Tuesday
13th

first part lively breezes from N.E. & W.
fine weather middle part strong
breezes & cloudy steering S.E. later part
strong North gails with rain & fog under
close reef 2 & No. 2 sails & foresail
first part steered East saw no whale
but plenty of birds at 6 P.M. observed
the water to be very green the sun broke
out just before 12 meridian got an altitude
which gives the Latitude

Latitude 42° 06' S.

Wednesday
14th

P.M. Commences with strong North gails &
thick rainy weather at 6 shortened sail & hove
to heading to N.E. middle part the wind
shifted to the west later part light breezes
from N.E. & pleasant made all sail steered
East saw nothing

Latitude by Obs 41° 54' S
Longitude at 4 P. Merid 40° 19' E.

Thursday
15th

All these 24 hours light breezes from
West & pleasant weather first part steering
S.E. middle & later C.S.E. saw finbacks
middle part short sail

Latitude 42° 06'
Longitude at 5 P. Merid 40° 46' E.

Friday
16th

P.M. Commences with lively breezes from
N.E. & fair at 2 P.M. saw 2 wright whale
board Chaise without success at 6 light breezes
& light showers of rain at sunset close reef
2 sails heading to S.E. middle part fresh gails
from North took in 2 & No. 2 sail later part
fresh gails with rain & fog made small
sail heading N.E. No Observation