

Cruising For Whales

Friday
August 26th
1836

Commenced with heavy Gale from N.E. & W. far too headed to the S.E. at 10 AM the topsails doubled reefed. Gale in the forenoon at 4 PM took in the topsails and far too headed to the N.E. all or at 8 PM took in the main topsail all the middle parts stowed. Gale latter part fine weather. Saw 2 Barrels to the East of us. Lat. 37° 11' S. Longitude 42° 39' E.

Saturday
August 27th
1836

Commenced with gentle breeze from E. & S. Hands employed in getting rigging and setting up. At 4 PM continued the same. At 8 PM took in topsails as usual. And far too headed to the N.E. all the middle parts stowed. Saw 2 Barrels to the West of us. Lat. 37° 12' S. Longitude 42° 51' E.

Sunday
August 28th
1836

This 24 hours commenced with strong Gale from N.W. far too headed to the S.W. all the topsails and latter parts began to moderate. At 6 AM took in the topsails. Double reefed with continued moderate till the fall. Part but thick cloudy weather. To end Latitude 38° 8' S. Longitude 42° 50' E.

Monday
August 29th
1836

Commenced with fine breezes from S.W. steam to the N.W. with Disturbances thick and unsettled. At 6 AM took in the topsails. Left off before the wind. At 8 PM took up the fore mizzen and doid it. Weather continued fine all the latter parts. To end this 24 hours. Lat. 38° 38' S.

Margaret Cruising Out in the Latitude of 32° 40' and Lat 37° 50' South

Friday
August 30th
1836

Commenced with gentle breezes from the S. course N.W. far too headed to the S.W. in ship duty at 6 PM shortened sail as usual and run off to the S.W. at 8 AM made sail and came till 10 AM and hauled round to the S.W. Saw 2 number of finbacks. At 11 PM took in the topsails and at 12 PM saw 2 Barrels. Gale to end Lat. 38° 41' S. Longitude 40° 30' E.

Wednesday
August 31st
1836

Commenced with strong Gale from the N.W. far too headed to the S.W. under 8 main and fore and staysails headed to the S.W. At 4 PM took in sails all the middle parts fine weather latter the same. To end this 24 hours Lat. 38° 45' S. Longitude 39° 50' E.

Thursday
September 1st
1836

Commenced with fine weather gentle breezes from S.W. steam to the N.W. Hands employed in ship duty. Saw 2 number of finbacks. At 8 AM first the root of an old tree at 9 AM shortened sail and far too headed to the S.W. All the middle and latter parts light winds and calm. To end Lat. 39° 18' S. Longitude 39° 40' E.

Friday
September 2nd

Commenced with light airs and calm. At 4 PM saw 2 Barrels. Weather unsettled hands employed in ship duty. At 8 AM all the middle and latter parts squally weather. Saw 2 whales. At 10 AM hauled and chased till noon. To quickness came on board whales still in sight. Got dinner and got ready to leave again. To end Lat. 38° 40' S. Longitude 39° 12' E.