

Margaret Cruising in the Indian Ocean

Wednesday
September
14th
1836

Commences with gentle breezes from N.E. steer to the S.E. at 1 pm raised ship and stood to the W by S. under Double Reef. Topsails hands employed in bundling. Some middle part became squally and rainy. Latter part strong gale from E.N.E. boats in danger of drifting to the starboard head so ended N.E. lat

Thursday
September
15th
1836

Commences with strong gales from E.N.E. lay to and lost. Right main topsail at 3 pm blew away to the S.W. lost the fore mast. Boat broke down. Reared ship and headed to N.E. at 7 pm gale continued. Cloud rather more broken. Middle and latter parts moderate. Little saw whales heard but to N.E. ended nothing more so ended latitude 40° 15' S

Friday
September
16th
1836

Commences with strong gales from N.E. lay to and headed to N.W. at 3 pm saw more whales. All the middle parts strong gales from N.W. at 7 pm kept away N.W. wind in that course the remainder part of day latitude 39° 45' S longitude 40° 15' E

Saturday
September
17th
1836

Commences with strong gales. Storms. Sprayed with squalls of hail from W. At 3 pm saw a sail to the N.E. off N.E. kept away from him he, steering to the E. all the middle and latter parts strong gales. At 4 pm saw another sail to the S. steering E. so ended lat 38° 45' S long 40° 15' E

Sunday
September
18th
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Commences with strong gales from N.W. lay to and headed to the W. S.W. All the middle and latter parts tolerable. Fine weather saw whales heard and 2 landed one so ended lat 38° 35' S long 40° 25' E

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Monday
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19th
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This 24 hours commences with fine weather saw number more of whales began cutting at 6 pm finished day. Had small but little wind which rendered it bad cutting. Commenced boiling at 6 pm saw a whale heard and got him. And at 12 finished cutting so ended lat 38° 35' S

Tuesday
September
20th
1836

Commences with fine weather but strong breeze N.E. saw a great number of finbacks. Entire boiling of all the middle and latter parts strong gales spoke the ship coming 2 miles and from here with 2 whales. Gained so ended latitude 38° 00' S long 38° 35' E

Wednesday
September
21st
1836

Commences with a gale from N.E. lay to boiling headed to the N.E. W. At 2 pm began raining. At 3 pm cold down. At 4 pm wind shifted to N.W. and became tolerable fine. At 8 commenced boiling. Again S.C. latter a gale with rain. Finished boiling. Again heard

Thursday
September
22nd
1836

Commences with a gale from the S. lay to and headed to W. S.W. the front of the ship under our lee. At 4 pm about 2 leagues off. At 8 pm moderated. At 12 commenced boiling. At 12 pm finished so ended lat 39° 25' S

Friday
September
23rd
1836

Commences with fine weather at 2 pm spoke the coxswain and Gannet. Gentle breeze from the W.N.W. all the middle and latter part strong gales. Course E.S. and employed in steering so ended lat 39° 45' S

Saturday
September
24th
1836

Commences with strong gales from W.N.W. Course E.S. running under Double Reef. Main topsail and foresail at 7 pm finished. Steering on the after hold at 8 pm laid the ship to. Middle and latter parts thick. Heavy weather chased whales to no purpose. Came on board so ended lat 39° 45' S