

Margaret Cruising in the Indian Ocean

Sunday the 27th Decem^r 1836
This day commenced with fine weather sailing this afternoon on Lake Garwood cruise on board stopped this night at 7 pm finished sailing all the middle and latter parts moderate weather saw whales and chased to No success commenced steering from nothing more so end Lat 35° 50' S Long 57° 00' E

Monday 28th 1836
Commenced with gentle breeze from N stean E & hand employed in steering Down At 6 pm finished 8 sails in sight At 7 pm shortened sail and lay by 3 c All the middle and latter parts fine weather 10 ships of barques in sight saw fish on whale but got none from 4 ships sailing spoke the 2 brothers East hand 13 1/2 but 1600 lb. 3rd flag from him so end Lat 35° 45' S Longitude 58° 20' E

Tuesday 29th 1836
Commenced with fine weather but a heavy swell hand employed in ship's duty chased Whales in company with the barque Jackson sent to no success at sunset saw a great number of whale shortened sail 1/2 by 1/2 middle and latter part strong gales and buff sea at 7 am saw whale board struck one iron bar from him and board better continued dead to end Lat 36° 00' S 58° 00' E

Wednesday 30th 1836
Commenced with strong breeze and buff weather 8 sails in sight saw a great number of pinbacks employed in scraping bone & mending boats at night lay by as usual All the middle and latter parts strong gales saw whales and shot four of the ship's crew of Edgar's ship got 5 from 11 whales saw 1 boat from board of few minutes getting more at so end this 24th to latitude 36° 20' S Longitude 57° 42' E

Thursday Decem^r the 1st 1836

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Commenced with strong gales from NW by W tow headed to the NW hand Employed in scraping bone Mary to Edward sailing At 6 pm took in the foresail and got the fore spliced saw a barque huff about 8 pm All the mid and latter part strong gales to end latitude 37° 00' S

Friday Decem^r 2nd 1836

Commenced with strong gales from NNE at 2 pm bore ship and head to the NW At 4 pm continued strong tack W the star quarter boat visible from moderate latter the same but thick weather saw whale board 3 times to end Lat 36° 53' S

Saturday Decem^r 3rd 1836

Commenced with moderate weather but thick haze gentle breeze from NNE at 11 pm finished scraping bone At 7 pm took in sail and lay to all the middle and latter strong gales from NW by W steam N 1/2 W saw 2 fish to the south of us saw whale board but to no success to end latitude 36° 57' S

Sunday Decem^r the 4th 1836

Commenced with strong winds and buff weather stean to the NW wind about 10 pm saw saw whale board but could not catch them At 11 middle and latter parts fine weather Got out the star waste boat At 9 am saw whale board got one took him along side Got dinner to end Lat 36° 18' S Long 57° 59'

Monday Decem^r the 5th 1836

Commenced with fine weather hooked one At 9 pm finished cutting saw 4 sails saw whale board star waste boat struck lost 1 line At 8 pm saw whale commenced boiling At 5 pm middle and latter finished saw whale board star waste boat struck with iron side commenced cutting three sails in sight to end Lat 36° 30' S