

Margaret Cruising in the Indian Ocean

Tuesday
Decemr the
6th
1836

Commences with strong breezes & buff
weather At 3 pm finish cutting At 5 pm
load for more whale to no tracks at 2 ships
To leeward of us At 7 pm wind and sea increase
Middle part fair At 1 Am fine weather
Continued to all the remainder to end
Latitude 36° 29' S

Wednesday
Decemr the
7th
1836

Commences with gentle breezes from NW
continue boiling At 4 pm saw whale head
and struck floor the bar waste boat of the
bar quarter boat but the whale came down
got in the boat and shot the tail but the
boat & c At 3 pm finish boiling At 7 A.
Commenced staving & fitting under boards
Lat 36° 25' S Longitude 58° 15' E

Thursday
Decemr the
8th
1836

Commences with fine weather and gentle
breezes from NW continue staving & fitting
In sight At 5 pm finish staving 120 bl.
At 7 pm shot the eagle of nantucket
and latter parts fine weather Saw a whale
head to no success & end mended the bar 11 bl.
Lat 37° 11' S Longitude 58° 15' E

Friday
Decemr the
9th
1836

Commences with fine weather hands employd
in ships duty At 2 pm saw a ship with
coulours flying at all three mast heads
At 4 pm spoke the eagle of nantucket
boiling their last whale we all wrote &
shot letter and put on board because we
could not get more time Gannet with her
left 8 pm all the middle and latter
strong gale from N employd in mending
bar quarter boat to end Lat 37° 45' S

Saturday
Decemr the
10th
1836

Commences with strong gale from N with
rain lay to headed to the NW by 10
still in sight ahead hands employd in
ships duty Middle part calm latter part
strong winds saw 2 ships to end this day
Lat 38° 00' S Longitude 57° 40' E

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Sunday Decemr
the 11th
1836

Commences with strong gale from NW
steer to NW by 10 hands employd in ships
duty At 4 pm blow fresh with rain
took in topsail and lay by all the mid
and latter parts the same saw a great
number of right whales & fin backs
saw 2 sails to end Lat 37° 42' S long 57° 51' E

Monday
The 12th
1836

Commences with strong gale with
squalls from NW lay to headed to
the SE saw whales could not bar
weather laid all the middle part continue
bad saw 2 ships boiling latter continued the
same hands employd in scraping bone
saw a whale to end Lat 37° 45' S long 58° 25' E

Tuesday
Decemr the
13th 1836

Commences with strong gale from
NW lay to headed to NNE hands employd
in scraping bone At 4 pm finished it
finish mending the bar quarter boat
At 6 pm spoke the Gideon Barsto of
Rochester 50 months out 750 bls weather continued
bad & c all the middle and latter part
strong gale to end Lat 37° 45' S long 59° 30' E

Wednesday
Decemr the
14th
1836

This 24 hours commences with moderate
gale from NW steer to SE under 2 reefs
topsails hands employd in ships duty latter
part fine weather got all sail saw a whale
head and chased to no success to end
Lat 38° 00' S Longitude 59° 45' E

Thursday
Decemr the
15th
1836

Commences with strong gale from
N steer SE at 2 pm blow strong
gale took in tops and foresail at 4 pm
and lay by all the middle and latter parts
the same saw 2 sails to end Lat 38° 40' S long 59° 45' E

Friday
Decemr the
16th

Commences with strong gale from NW lay
to headed to NW all the middle and latter part
fine weather spoke the Alphonse Cap. Hatter lat ha
2 bls meat 1 line got 20 bls water to end this day
Lat 38° 02' S Longitude 58° 15' E