

Ship Murther Log Book of A Whealing

Friday 29th August 1837

Obs. Lat. 37. 30 N. Fresh breeze from the N.E. and S.W. with light air. Middle and latter part strong gales & squalls from the East at 3 P.M. felled main top galley and mast. Repair to sails at 1 P.M. Gaily breeze from the main further raised to fresh at 10 P.M. and rain fell before that to rough to breeze so early with strong gales from the East.

Saturday 30th August 1837

Obs. Lat. 38. 30 N. All these 24 hours strong gales from the East. Lat. 38. 30 N. Steered N. to W. S.W. at 4 P.M. clear weather rain top sail at 4 P.M. felled fore top sail so early with strong gales and a heavy rain.

Sunday 31st August 1837

Lat. 39. 10 N. Began with strong gales from the East. Lat. 39. 10 N. Steered S.W. under short sail. Latter part squalls of rain wind hauled to the N.W. Steered our way to West. Decks to early with squally weather. No ship to the Westward.

Monday 1st September 1837

Obs. Lat. 39. 44 N. Fresh winds from the S.W. and rain. Lat. 39. 44 N. Down from 8 miles top galley and 8 rigged in by 9 P.M. Middle part moderate at 5 P.M. moved to the N. at 10 P.M. to the S.E. at 7 P.M. the wind hauled to the N. for the N.W.

Tuesday 2nd September 1837

Obs. Lat. 39. 57 N. Commenced with strong winds from the N.W. to the Lat. 39. 57 N. wind to the North at 1 P.M. felled fore & main sail. Middle part squally, latter part more moderate. At 4 P.M. made sail and hauled to the West.

Wednesday 3rd Sept. 1837

Obs. Lat. 39. 25 N. Commenced with fresh breeze from the N.W. Lat. 39. 25 N. Steered S.W. Middle part moderate at 7 P.M. Steered out of gulf. Main top galley sail. Lat. 39. 44 N. Sailed a number of timber at 3 P.M. with moderate breeze from the N.W. and fair weather.

Thursday 4th Sept. 1837

Obs. Lat. 39. 24 N. Commenced with wind from the N.W. and fair weather. Lat. 39. 24 N. Steered S.W. Middle part strong at 3 P.M. with wind from N.E. latter part fresh breeze from N.E. & cloudy with fore sail & main top sail and timber so early employed repairing sails.

Voyage in the Indiaman ship Charles Fisher

Sept 1837

Remarks on Tuesday 5th September

Obs. Lat. 38. 30 N. Fresh breeze from the N.E. and S.W. with light air. Lat. 38. 30 N. Clouds steering N.W. under short sail. Middle and latter part strong gales from the N.E. and flying eddies.

Wednesday 6th Sept. 1837

Obs. Lat. 37. 03 N. Commenced with strong and heavy rain. Lat. 37. 03 N. Middle part light air from the N.E. Steered S.W. under short sail. At day light made sail latter part strong breeze from the N.E. and flying eddies.

Thursday 7th Sept. 1837

Obs. Lat. 38. 17 N. Fresh winds from the N.E. and S.W. Steered S.W. at 1 P.M. under short sail. Middle part strong gales from the N.W. Lat. 38. 17 N. at 4 P.M. down ship to the S.W. latter part more moderate. Lat. 38. 17 N. saw a ship to the N. to report to the North so early with fresh breeze from the N.W.

Friday 8th Sept.

Obs. Lat. 37. 35 N. Strong wind from the N.W. saw ship to the North. Lat. 37. 35 N. at 1 P.M. under short sail. Middle and latter part strong gales from the North to the S.W. at 4 P.M. saw double sight of ship at 4 P.M. felled top sail so early with strong gales.

Saturday 9th Sept. 1837

Obs. Lat. 37. 05 N. Commenced with strong gales from the N.W. Lat. 37. 05 N. by the wind to the North under short sail. Middle part moderate through the night at 4 P.M. it came on a heavy rain from the Southward. Lat. 37. 05 N. at 4 P.M. saw ship to the Westward felled top sail. Lat. 37. 05 N. so early with strong gales from the North flying too head to the N.W.

Sunday 10th Sept. 1837

Obs. Lat. 37. 18 N. Commenced with strong gales from the North. Lat. 37. 18 N. flying too head to the N.W. under short sail. Middle part the same. Lat. 37. 18 N. at 7 P.M. the wind hauled to the Westward & 3 P.M. by heavy rain to the South and saw ship to the N.W. so early with heavy gales from East to N.W.

Monday 11th Sept. 1837

Obs. Lat. 37. 14 N. Strong gales from the N.W. to N.W. and heavy squally flying too head to the N.W. Lat. 37. 14 N. Middle and latter part more moderate. Lat. 37. 14 N. at 7 P.M. saw ship to the South at day light made sail to the South. Lat. 37. 14 N. so early with moderate breeze from the West by the wind to the South. Lat. 37. 14 N. no whole nor much flying of them.