

Ship Martha Log Book On A Whaling

Remarks On Tuesday, 12th Sept. 1837

Commenced with moderate breeze from the N. by the wind to the South. Middle part the wind hauled to the North and began to blow on at 6 AM. Close-hauled the main-top-sail & by the head to the N.E. at 7 AM. Saw a ship to the N.W. & running to the Eastward so early with heavy gales from the North.

Wednesday, 13th Sept. 1837

Commenced with heavy gales from the North lying to head to the N.E. under close-hauled main-top-sail. At 3 PM. & Spencer. Middle part latter part moderate breeze from the N. by the wind to the South. at 7 AM. Soft double reefed to sails. Saw a bright star. Whaling ship running to the S. & ends with fine breeze from N.W.

Thursday, 14th Sept. 1837

Gentle breeze from the West by the wind to the South. Middle part latter part strong gales at 7 AM. Soft double reefed to sails by the wind to the South at 11 AM. Saw a ship to windward running down for us & early with strong winds and rough sea far back.

Friday, 15th Sept.

Strong winds from the west by the wind to the South under short sail at 8 PM. Spotted French ship, Cousin 31 months from Horn no oil. Middle part moderate at 8 AM. wore ship to the N.E. latter part a heavy light air from the West & a heavy heavy swell saw fishback so early heading to the Eastward.

Saturday 16th Sept. 1837

Commenced with calm & a heavy swell. At 8 PM. the wind begins from the North. By used Round the Horn by the wind to the Eastward latter part strong gales from the North at 7 AM. wore ship S.E. under short sail so early with strong gales and rough sea.

Sunday, 17th Sept.

Commenced with strong gales from the North hauled to by the wind to the N.E. under double reefed main-top-sail & fore-sail. Middle part latter part strong gale latter part rain at 8 AM. wind hauled to the Westward. Left fore and mizen to fore sail between N.W. & thick & rainy to end.

Voyage In The Indian Ocean, Charles Fisher

Remarks On Monday, 18th Sept.

Commenced with fine breeze from the N.W. at 8 AM. spoke ship, Banquet of N. India. 31 months out no oil found to the Eastward. latter part fine breeze from the N.E. by the wind to the N.E. ship Banquet in sight.

Tuesday, 19th Sept.

Fresh breeze from S.E. by the wind to the N.E. Middle part the same. at 8 AM. the wind hauled to the N.E. and then to the S.E. latter part fresh breeze from the Northward. Steered S.E. & saw a ship in sight to the Eastward.

Wednesday, 20th Sept. 1837

Fine breeze from the North steering S.E. Middle part latter part the same saw a number of French ships. Ends with fresh breeze from North steering S.E.

Thursday, 21st Sept. 1837

Commenced with strong winds from the North and heavy steering S.E. at 8 PM. hauled reef to sails. at 11 AM. saw a ship to the N.E. Middle part wind at 7 AM. made sail, run off S.E. latter part moderate breeze from the N.W. and fair weather.

Friday, 22nd Sept. 1837

Commenced with gentle breeze from the West and fair weather steering S.E. Middle part calm at 8 AM. a light breeze from the North, more round steered S.E. latter part strong winds thick & rainy so early steering East.

Saturday, 23rd Sept. 1837

Strong winds from the North with cold rain. at 8 AM. sail lay head to the N.E. at 7 PM. made sail run S.E. with strong winds from the N.W. and squalls. at 11 AM. saw a ship to the N.W. the first time for this season but thought to lower for him at 1 PM. hauled to by the wind to the N.E. and ship in sight to the N.W. under close-hauled main-top-sail & fore sail.

Sunday, 24th Sept. 1837

Strong winds from the N.W. by the wind to the N.E. at 8 AM. ship in sight. at 8 PM. wore ship to the N.W. Middle part moderate at 7 AM. wore ship to the N.W. at 8 AM. gave a sail, running to the Eastward. at 10 AM. run off S.E. the wind hauled to the N.W. and began to blow so early with fresh winds from the N.W. saw fishback.