

January 1853

Ship Mary Cruising for Whales of the coast of Patagonia

Monday January the 24th
SE SW Light breeze fine weather all sail set saw
porpoises grampuses & sun fish at sun down
close reefed the top sails at day light made all sail
Light breeze & cloudy weather Lat by obs 43-58 S
Leak this day was 400 strokes Long by Chron

Tuesday January the 25th
SE SW The fore part strong breeze & cloudy weather
tack ship saw a school of porpoises
Hole watches Middle & Latter parts light breeze & clear weather
all sail set saw number of schools of porpoises
Ships leak 300 strokes Lat by obs 44-38 South
Long by Chron 56-33 West

Wednesday January the 26th
SE S fresh breeze & cloudy weather caught a porpoise saw
fin backs one sail in sight Middle part squally
Hove to SW Latter part took in sail down to a close reefed
in a gale of main top sail blowing a heavy gale attended
Wind with rain Leak as before 400 cobs to day

Thursday January the 27th
SE SW Blowing a heavy gale all the 24 hours &
blowing a gale a bad sea on split the fore top mast stay sail
Ships leak this day was 700 strokes so ends
Lat by obs 46-31 South

Friday January the 28th
SE SW Blowing a living gale & heavy squalls of rain
Heavy gale of Ships leak this 24 hours was 1200 strokes
Wind Ends with a gale N. cobs to day

Saturday January the 29th
SE SW fore part fresh gale Middle & latter parts
moderated with squalls of hail & rain
one sail in sight saw one fin back the
watch employed repairing the fore top mast
stay sail & bent it Lat by obs 46-38 South
Leak this day was 1000 strokes Long by Chron 52-27 W

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Ship Mary bound for south Georges to Look for Whales

Sunday January the 30th
SE by E SW The fore & middle parts moderate gale attended
With squalls of hail & rain one sail in sight
Latter part fresh breeze and cloudy weather
at 10 AM set close reefed top sails
Leak 900 strokes Lat by obs 47-22 S
Long by Chron 51-21 W

Monday January the 31st
SE by E NE The fore & middle parts light breeze & cloudy weather
under close reefed top sails
Hove to Latter part blowing a moderate gale stored
E NE fore & main top sails saw porpoises
thick foggy & rainy Leak 500 S N cobs

Tuesday February the 1st 1853
SE NE Hove to in a gale of wind all the 24 hours
blowing a under goose wing main top sail
gale attended With thick foggy & rain
Ships leak was 350 strokes 1600 to day

Wednesday February the 2nd
SE NE fore part fresh gale & rainy weather
Middle & latter parts moderated with a bad
sea on made some sail steering in for
the coast leak 900 strokes Lat by obs 48-45 S
Long by Chron 50-14 W

Thursday Feb the 3rd
WSW S fore part fresh breeze & rainy weather
one sail in sight steering to northward sail
gave up Latter part light breeze all sail set saw a
Going to South georges Ships leak this day was 500 S Lat by obs 47-47 S
Island Long by Chron 51-56 W

Friday Feb the 4th
WSW S fore part strong breeze & cloudy weather saw
a brig steering to the northward & Eastward
Middle & latter parts light breeze & fine weather
all sail set saw porpoises the watch employed
at ships duty Lat by obs 47-45 S
Leak 300 strokes Long by Chron 53-42 W