

March 1853

Ship Mary of the coast of Patagonia cruising for Whales
 Sunday March the 6th
 WSW N commences light airs & fine weather
 all sail set & sail in sight at sun down
 NW shortened sail at day light made some sail
 fresh breeze & clear weather saw porpoises
 one sail in sight & ships leak 350 strokes
 Lat by orls 46-08 south
 Long by chron 61-19 W

Monday March the 7th
 WSW North strong breeze & hazy weather under easy sail
 saw lots of porpoises at sun down shortened
 were ship sail bounded 60 fms water gray sandy bottom
 W SSW at day light set all sail light breeze & fine
 weather ships leak 550 S Lat by orls 46-10 S
 Long by chron 62-39 W

Tuesday March the 8th
 NW WSW Light breeze & hazy weather all sail set
 were ship at sun down shortened sail hove the lead 62 fms
 SW WSW Green nose at day light set some sail strong
 breeze & cloudy weather leak 500 strokes
 Lat by orls 46-36 S
 Long by chron 64-18 W

Wednesday March the 9th
 SW WSW Strong breeze & cloudy weather the north side of
 Land in sight St Georges bay having W 50 miles distant
 SE W a bark in sight to the southward at sun down
 shortened sail at day light made all sail
 SE fresh breeze & cloudy caught a porpoise
 ships leak 500 S Lat by orls 46-08 S
 Long by chron 62-11 W

Thursday March the 10th
 NE SE Moderate breeze & hazy weather saw number
 of finbacks & porpoises at sun down shortened
 sail at day light made sail light & foggy
 weather saw number of Wright Whales in sight
 Leak 400 strokes Lat by orls 45-44 S
 Long by chron 61-45 W

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Looking for Whales of the coast of Patagonia
 Friday March the 11th
 WSW N Light breeze & cloudy weather saw fin backs
 Lots of Wright whales lowered the boats darted
 three times without success at sun down shortened
 South sail hove the lead 55 fms water gray sandy bottom
 Middle & latter parts fresh gale & cloudy weather
 saw Wright whales & finbacks Leak 350 strokes
 Lat by orls 45-36 S

Saturday March the 12th Long 62-30 W
 SE SSW Moderate gale & cloudy weather under close reefed
 at 5 PM were ship main top sail & spencers middle part moderated
 SE SSW at day light made sail light breeze & clear weather
 saw Wright whales lowered all boats without
 success leak 500 S Lat by orls 45-34 S
 Long by chron 62-30 W

Sunday March the 13th
 WSW N strong breeze & clear weather a bad sea on
 saw fin backs & Wright whales lowered 2
 boats without luck at 4 PM shortened sail
 hove the lead 50 fms gray sand at day light made
 the first officers sail fresh breeze & hazy one sail in sight
 sick of duty ships leak 600 S Lat by orls 45-29 S
 Long by chron 61-43 W

Monday March the 14th
 NW WSW Light airs & clear weather saw porpoises
 at sun down shortened sail at day light
 made sail hove the lead 60 fms light breeze & hazy
 saw Wright whales lowered all boats larboard boat
 fastened killed by capt Hecum at 10 PM
 took him along side & commenced cutting leak 550

Tuesday March the 15th
 light breeze & clear weather cutting a Wright
 whale at 4 PM got through & shortened sail
 Middle & latter parts light breeze & cloudy weather
 saw whales the watch employed boiling Wright
 whale blubber leak as before
 Lat by orls 45-30 S
 Long by chron