

Cruising for sperm Whalers on Brazil's banks August 1853

Courses Winds Sunday July the 31st

S NW Light air & pleasant Weather saw fin backs & porpoises
W SW 2 sails in sight the watch employed taring the main tugging
Sly W NW Middle & latter parts light breeze & clear W 1 sail in
S sight steering S saw hump backs & lots of squid
Leak as before 300 lbs Lat by orls 14-40 S
Long by chron

Monday Aug the 1st

S Flight breeze & fine W all sail set 1 sail in sight
Sly E NW caught a porpoise saw black fish toward all boats
Without success latter part moderate breeze & squalls of rain
seen hump backs & 4 sails in sight leak the same
Lat by orls
Long by chron

Tuesday Aug the 2nd

S NW SE the fore part fresh breeze & attended with squalls
Here ship of rain at 3 PM double reefed the top sails stowed
the gib & main sail Middle & latter parts fresh breeze & P
hazy W saw 1 hump back the watch employed at
ships duty leak 300 S Lat by orls
Long by chron

Wednesday Aug the 3rd

S E SE A moderate breeze & clear Weather seen porpoises
Middle & latter parts fresh breeze & hazy W saw 1 hump
E NE back 1 sail in sight steering to the Eastward the watch
employed taring the fore top mast back stays leak the same
Lat by orls
Long by chron

Thursday Aug the 4th

South NE A strong breeze & cloudy saw 1 hump back & porpoises
NE at sundown shortened sail Middle & latter parts strong
N breeze & hazy under double reefed top sails & fore sail
Saw hump backs started fresh water leak 350 S
Lat by orls
Long by chron

Friday Aug the 5th

S N A strong breeze & hazy W under short sail at sundown
Sly W stowed the main top sail Middle part blowing bare & in
Sly W squalls & rain stowed the fore top sail & fore sail shifted
W NW latter part moderate gale & cloudy saw 1 fin back
S W Leak 600 S
Lat by orls
Long by chron

From the Brazil's banks bound to the Southward August 1853

Courses Winds Saturday Aug the 6th

S NW the fore part strong breeze & squalls of rain under short
S E SW sail Middle & latter parts fresh breeze & rain squalls
S W SE under single reefed top sails & courses saw fin backs & P
NE Sulphur bottom's leak 550 S portage man well fell overboard
off the gib boom Lat by orls
Long by chron

Sunday Aug the 7th

S W SE A moderate breeze & hazy W saw number of fin backs at
S E SW at sundown close reefed the top sails at day light set back top
S E SW sails & courses with light air & cloudy W saw fin backs
Ships leak this day was 400 S & 600 S to day
Lat by orls
Long by chron

Monday Aug the 8th

S E SW Begins with a fresh breeze & cloudy W under hole
E SE S top sails & courses at sundown shortened sail
Here ship latter part made sail with a strong breeze & cloudy W
W S W S one sail in sight saw a hump back & ends
Leak 600 S Lat by orls to day

Tuesday Aug the 9th

W S W S fore part strong breeze attended with rain under
Short sail saw fin backs Middle part fresh gale
stowed the fore & main top sails at 8 AM set double
reefed top sails & gib with a strong breeze & rain
saw fin backs Leak 700 S & 500 S ends & 600 S to day

Wednesday Aug the 10th

W S W S fore part moderate gale & thick rainey Weather at 2 PM
S W SE stowed the fore & main top sails & gib saw fin backs
S E SE Middle & latter parts fresh gale & cloudy under close
reefed main top sail & spencers leak as before
Lat by orls to day

Thursday Aug the 11th

S E SE A fresh gale & rain squalls under close reefed main top
E SE NE sail & spencers killed a pig Middle & latter parts
S W fresh gale & cloudy at 8 AM set close reefed fore
Sly W top sail steering S W wind NE saw 1 fin back
Leak 850 S Lat by orls 26-10 S
Long by chron