

September 1853

Ship Mary hunting for Whales along the coast of Patagonia

SW NWW Thursday Sept the 29th
 The fore part fresh breeze & hazy W under double reefed
 top sails fore sail & spencers land in sight 50 fath
 SE NE At sun down shortened sail & hove the lead 55 fath W
 fine sand cape curioso bearing W by N
 E SE middle part fresh gale latter part moderated made
 some sail leak 600 S Lat by orls 49-35 S
 Long by chron

Friday Sept the 30th
 SW N A fresh breeze & hazy under double reefed top sails
 fore sail & spencers at sun down shortened sail land
 in sight at day light made sail with a strong breeze &
 hazy weather leak as before Lat by orls 50-09 S
 Long by chron

Saturday October the 1st
 SW NW Begin with a fresh breeze & cloudy at sun down shor
 tened sail hove the lead 50 fath at day light made sail
 fresh breeze & clear W - saw porpoises leak 450 S
 Lat by orls
 Long by chron

Sunday Oct the 2nd
 W SW S A fresh breeze & hazy W land in sight saw porpoises
 at sun down stowed the fore main sail & double reefed
 the top sails middle part moderate gale stowed the fore
 main top sails latter part fresh gale cape fair weather
 in sight leak 500 S Lat by orls 51-19 S
 Long by chron

Monday Oct the 3rd
 SW NWW A strong breeze & hazy under short sail cape
 fair weather in sight bearing W SW at sun down
 hove the lead 55 fath gravel
 at day light made all sail with a light breeze &
 clear weather steering to the southward land in
 sight
 Ship's leak 350 S Lat by orls
 Long by chron

crossing of the magellan straits Oct 1853

Course & Wind Tuesday Oct the 4th
 SE NW Begin with a strong breeze & hazy at 2 P.M. blowing a
 heavy gale took in all sail down to goose wing main top
 sail main spencer & fore top mast stay sail cape virgin
 in sight bearing SSW middle part fresh gale
 SE WSW latter strong breeze & hazy W under close reefed top sails
 & courses cape fair weather in sight leak 600 S
 Lat by orls 52-02 S

Wednesday Oct the 5th
 SE WSW fore part fresh gale & squalls of hail stowed all sail down
 to goose wing main top sail & main spencer at 4 P.M. hauled up
 the channel boat to the anchor sent 1 right whale cape
 virgin in sight middle & latter parts moderate gale & hazy W
 under short sail cape virgin in sight leak as before
 Lat by orls

Thursday Oct the 6th
 SE SW fore part blowing heavy in squalls under short sail on
 different tacks cape virgin 12 miles off by orls the watch
 employed shifting the channel middle & latter parts blowing heavy
 in squalls & hazy cape virgin in sight saw porpoises
 started fresh W so ends leak 530 S

Friday Oct the 7th
 NW NWW Begin with a strong breeze & hazy under close reefed
 top sails fore sail & spencers at 3 P.M. stowed the fore
 main top sails at day light made all sail with a light
 breeze & hazy steering in to the magellan straits
 towards possession bay leak 400 S

Saturday Oct the 8th
 NW NWW the fore part fresh breeze & cloudy steering towards
 possession bay at 4 P.M. came to anchor 13 fath water &
 stowed all sails middle & latter parts blowing a heavy
 gale from the westward both anchors down
 leak 600 S sent down the main top gallant yard