

Ship Mary & Susan towards the North west coast

after whales Gilbert Pondleton Commander

Thursday
December 16th
1847
Variation 6. W
These 24 hours commenced with fresh trades from S.E. steering S.S.W. with all sail set saw 1 sail steering South by employed serving fore topmast stays setting up and having down rigging and various other jobs of ships duty Middle hours fresh trades passing clouds and pleasant latter hours the same employed in the rigging saw 1 sail heading N.W.

Lat Obs 16.40 South Long 33.35 West

Friday
December 17th
1847
Variation 6. W
These 24 hours commenced with strong trades from S.E. steering S.S.W. employed painting yards and masts and serving fore topmast stays passing clouds and fine pleasant weather Middle hours strong trades and a cloudy atmosphere at 3 P.M. it came in squally at 10 P.M. squalls of heavy rain latter hours the rain cleared off saw a large sperm whale 1/2 of a mile from the ship have the main topsails to the mast and stowed by the boats

Lat Obs 19.36 South Long 36.16 West

Saturday
December 18th
1847
Variation 6. W
These 24 hours commenced with strong trades from S.E. steering S.S.W. lay with the main topsails to the mast 1 hour 57 minutes waiting for the whale saw nothing of him after kept off her course and red steering sails at 9 P.M. kept off S.W. by S. Middle hours thick and squally the wind hauled out N.W. blowing strong Middle hours strong winds and squally latter hours came in steady rain the wind changed to North saw 2 sails steering S.W.

Lat by A.D. 21.50 South Long 37.20 West

Sunday
December 19th
1847
Variation 6. W
These 24 hours commenced with strong gales from the Northward steering S.W. by S. squally and heavy steady rain at 11 P.M. the rain abated and mostly clear cross main topgallant studdensails down and set the sails the wind abating Middle hours moderate the wind hauling westerly latter fine pleasant weather the wind from the westward heading S.W. by the wind close hauled

Lat Obs 24.18 South Long 38.51 West

Monday
December 20th
1847
Variation 5. W
These 24 hours commenced with moderate pleasant weather the wind S.W. and hauling South by heading S.E. with all requisite sail set by the since this day had mastheads forward at 10 P.M. tackled to the westward light winds and passing clouds Middle hours light winds and fine pleasant weather latter hours the wind light and hauling easterly employed painting boats and fitting rigging the day with came in duty sail fubacks

Lat Obs 24.46 South Long 38.47 West

Tuesday
December 21st
1847
Variation 5. W
These 24 hours commenced with moderate pleasant weather the wind from the Southward heading S.W. with all requisite sail set by the wind employed overhauling the rigging and various other small jobs of ships duty sail spouts etc. and ascertain what they were passing clouds and smooth Middle hours fine pleasant weather latter hours the same employed setting up main rigging

Lat Obs 25.21 South Long 39.36 West

Wednesday
December 22nd
1847
Variation 5. W
These 24 hours commenced with light winds from S.E. steering S.W. by W. with passing clouds employed setting up main rigging and also had rigging painted the two boat saw 1 sail to the S.W. Middle hours light winds inclining to calm had an altercation with a negro by the name of Jethers caught him below of ship in his watch and death hurried him out of it the wind hauled out S.W. hauled sharp on the wind latter hours pleasant weather employed heaving up and stowing the men and provision

Lat Obs 26.33 South Long 39.34 West

Thursday
December 23rd
1847
Variation 5. W
These 24 hours commenced with moderate pleasant weather the wind light from S.W. heading S.E. by the wind employed stowing down the Mizen Hatches and new Middle hours the wind light and inclining easterly at daylight took the wind from the Northward latter hours moderate pleasant weather painted the waist boat

Lat Obs 27.00 South Long 39.24 West