

Ship Mary Gardner, towards Cape Horn 1856

Sunday Nov 30th 1856

first part light airs at N.E. fine weather
at 4 P.M. fresh breeze at hand the light
sails and double reefed the topsails, tacked to
E.S.E. A.M. fresh breeze, stood by the wind to
E.S.E. saw two sail. fat 33. 31 S
long 49. 19 W

Monday Dec 1st

all these 24 hours strong breeze from N.E. to N.E.
mostly cloudy and overcast with a rough sea.
Stood by N. A.M. saw finbacks fat 35. 31
long 50. 08

Tuesday Dec 2nd

all these 24 hours strong breeze at E.N.E. mostly
cloudy and overcast Stood by S.S.W.
fat 38. 10 S
long 50. 30 W

Wednesday Dec 3rd

first part strong breeze at N.N.E. Stood S.W.
at 5 P.M. wind hauled to the E with rain, abated
the topsails. Middle & latter part heavy gale at S.
at 10 P.M. hauled D.S. Main topsails & D. sail, heading
to the westward. fat 38. 39 S
long 52. 10 W.

Thursday Dec 4th

first part strong gale at S.S.W. heading W. at 6 P.M.
hauled ship to S.E. Middle part gale abated, latter part
fresh breeze at N.S.W. Stood by the wind to the S.
opened Reef, B. & B. fat 39. 13 S
long 51. 00 W

Friday Dec 5th

first part strong breeze at N.S.W. at 5 P.M. double reefed
the topsails, at 8 hauled D. & Main sail, at 4 A.M.
hauled D. & Main topsails, strong gale at N.S.W.
heading S. fat 40. 32 S
long 51. 40 W

Saturday Dec 6th 1856

A.M. fresh gale at N.S.W. A.M. gale abated some,
Stood by the wind to the S. fat 40. 35 S
long 51. 26 W

Sunday Dec 7th

first part fine breeze at N.S.W. and fair weather,
Stood by the wind to the S. at 4 P.M. saw sperm
whale, at 5 lowered the boats for two whales, they
were going fast to windward, did not strike, took
up boat at sunset. Middle part it commenced
blowing a gale at N.N.W. at 12 closed reefed the
topsails, stood S.W. at 4 A.M. hauled D. & Main
topsails & D. sail, lay two. at 8 A.M. set D. sail
stood S.W. fat 41. 20 S
long 52. 13 W

Monday Dec 8th

first part strong gale at N.N.W. heading S.W. at 1 P.M.
hauled D. sail. Middle part gale abated some, at 6 A.M.
set all sail wind N.S.W. at 11 A.M. double reefed
the topsails. at noon heavy gale hauled D. & Main
topsails, closed reefed Main, heading S. Current setting N.E.
fat 42. 09 S
long 51. 53 W

Tuesday Dec 9th

Commenced with heavy gale at N.S.W. at 1 P.M. hauled
D. sail. at 4 P.M. ship & sea broke down and carried
away B. Boat. Broke off the after davit, also sprung the
forward davit of W. Boat. saved wreck of the boat. Craft
& oars and pins, lost everything else, at 5 hauled ship to
N.W. Middle & latter part strong gale from S.W. to N.
lay two on fore & back. fat 41. 36 S
N.E. current. long 51. 15

Wednesday Dec 10th

first part gale abated, at 1 P.M. wind to the westward, set
topsails Main sail & D. sail, latter part light airs and calm,
opened two B. & B. fat 41. 31 S
long 51. 18 W