

Off Cape Horn

December 1844

Monday the 9th

Commences with strong winds from the W ship heading S by W. Mid Part light winds & calms at 4 took 10 fair wind. saw a Barque on the sea bow at 9 AM passed her it was the Barre of Boston steering W by S at 10 hove the log ship going 10 knots so ends this Day in Lat - Long 73-32

Tuesday the 10th

Commences with heavy squalls from W S W accompanied with snow mid Part at 4 saw the ship George & Mary of New-London bound home steering E at 5 hove the ship too under easy sail Lat Part saw 3 ships steering E so ends this Day

Lat 56-21 Long 74-27

Wednesday the 11th

Commences with heavy gales from the westward with frequent snow squalls ship under double reef main top sail & fore sail at 1 PM lost reef the main top sail & reefed the fore sail & hove the ship to heading to the southward mid Part more moderate wore ship made some sail Lat Part pleasant weather increased the sail the watch employed at breaking out water so ends this Day in Lat

Thursday the 12th

Commences with variable wind & pleasant weather ship under full sail heading to the westward at 2 PM wore ship the watch employed as above at 6 took in the light sails mid Part squally double reefed the top sails & wore ship heading W S W Lat Part much the same so ends this Day in Lat Long

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Friday the 13th

Commences with strong gales from S W steering N P W at 2 PM turned 2 reefs out of the main top sail one out of the fore & mizen mid Part light airs set topgallant sail Lat Part calms saw finbacks so ends this Day Lat 54-16 Long 76-04

Saturday the 14th

Commences with calms the watch employed in repairing the bow Boat mid Part fresh gales steering N P W Lat Part strong gales & squally took in fore & mizen topgallant sails steering N W by N so ends in Lat 51-33 S Long 77-55 W

Sunday the 15th

Commences with fresh gales repairing the Boat at 4 PM saw sperm Whales of the weather quarter lowered the boats in pursuit of them at 5 the waist Boat struck set him spouting blood with the iron the iron drew & he went to windward at 8 the boats came on board wore ship to the N P W mid Part strong winds Lat Part strong gales & thick weather steering N P W so ends this Day no Observations

Monday the 16th

Commences with fresh gales & thick weather main topgallant sail set mid Part squally at 6 AM saw sperm whales off the weather beam it being squally we lost the rear of him at 9 saw him again off the lee beam took 2 reefs in the main top sail & lost reef the fore & mizen lowered the boats in pursuit of him the waist boat struck & the iron drew before another boat could get fast & he went to windward at 11 the boats came on board braced full heading S by E so ends this Days work in Lat 49-31 S Long 78-07 W