

# Narrow Sea 1853

Saturday Oct 29<sup>th</sup>

Commences with light trade and fine weather. Plenty finbacks & Porpoises in sight. One Sabin sight to the North middle part fine Barges and Bluffant. Carried all sail through the night and got to the windward at day light. Tacked to Point jackson and flood of three fine sail in sight to the leeward. End with fine Barges heading in for the land. Saw finbacks & Porpoises.

Sunday Oct 30<sup>th</sup>

Begins with fine trade and Bluffant weather. Sound weather making short tacks. Fine through the night at 9 PM. Saw Spanish whaler Porpoises & Blackfish. Large the boats struck & drew the whaler. Then got to the leeward. Came about the Richard. She lowered two boats. End with strong trade and Bluffant. Clouds the boats still in chase of the whale.

Monday Oct 31<sup>st</sup>

Begins with strong trade with a heavy sea. All boats in chase of whale in Co with the Richard. Boat Capt. the Brig. Gen. Shering in for the land. Making one Barge in sight to the leeward at 2 PM. Came up with the whale and struck and the bow broke at 4 PM. Came up with the Spanish. She lowered struck and got the Richard. Struck the whale. Sounded & lost two lines at dark took up the boats & Clow. Rung the top sail. Clow in with Point jackson. More Past strong trade and a heavy sea at day light. More moderate and cloudy. Made some sail & sails of whaler in sight.

Tuesday Nov 1<sup>st</sup>

All this day light trade and cloudy. Saw porpoises and finbacks. One Spanish craft going to windward. Rigged with one light sail. Two jibs and a main sail.

Wednesday Nov 2<sup>nd</sup>

All this day light air and calm. Labor. Bearing N. by E. dist 4 leagues. One Spanish craft in sight. Bearing North. Early.

# Off Magranza & St. Claire

Thursday Nov 3<sup>rd</sup>

First part calm at 4 PM. Saw Barges about 8 miles to the southward. Lowered two boats. Pulled up. Saw several Barges. Along with off saw large. When Porpoises at 7 PM. One one Spanish. Coaster in sight. Later. Past light winds from the South. Head in for the Straits.

Friday Nov 4<sup>th</sup>

Begins with fine breeze from the South. and Bluffant at 12 PM. Got becalmed in the Strait. Lowered the boats and lowered one sail in sight to the Westward at sunset. Took in sail. Middle Past light winds from the West inclining North. At day light made sail. Headed N. by E. by a Boomer. Steering strong. There to the End with light winds from the West. and Cloudy. Magranza here. Capt. about 10 miles one Sabin in sight to the East.

Saturday Nov 5<sup>th</sup>

Begins with light winds from the North. Headed E. by a heavy swell bearing from the N. by E. at 4 PM. Spoke the Brig. Amelia and Headed to the East between Magranza & St. Claire in Co with the Amelia at sunset. Shortened sail. East. Back Bone by Compass. S. by E. dist about 10 miles. Middle part moderate with a heavy swell at day light. Turned out the Reefs and let main sail and jib. at 8 PM. Tacked to the West in Co with the Amelia at Magranza here. Compass. N. by W. dist about 5 leagues.

Sunday Nov 6<sup>th</sup>

All this day strong breeze from the North with a heavy swell bearing from N. by E.

Monday Nov 7<sup>th</sup>

Begins with strong breeze from the North and a heavy sea bearing from N. by E. Middle part much the same. Light. Past strong gale and squally. Saw a Brig. Steering to the Amelia in sight.

Brig. Amelia