

Cruising off the South Cape of New Zealand

November. ^{On} Friday the 5th 1847

first part of these 24 hours strong gales from the East and a heavy sea we under a close reef. Main top sail head down South by East at sunset more moderate now W. heading South by the Starboard and being too late

Middle part wind faded to the South at 8 AM we shift to the Eastward at 4 hours again to the West at daylight strong gale from the South and a heavy sea at 10 AM the cutter Charles Messing sailed at north making a great cut. Finally left an oak about the middle of the day and the main and off and off the main was hauled up and he is now as comfortable as can be expected. So Ends Party Oct 9 1847

Saturday the 6th

first part of these 24 hours strong gales from the South we heading West at 8 PM turned up the sea boat a nasty sea running all round cutting. At 10 AM caught one that had fresh head matter in him. Suppose some luck in the cut a whale. There is a day or two ago. Middle part wind faded to the South at daylight wind faded to the South

Later part strong gale from the South Sea and all appearance of a heavy sea

Lat 45° 45' 115° 105' Solanders Island bearing S East dist 15 miles

Sunday the 7th

first part of these 24 hours strong gales from the West by East we under a close reef. Main top sail and Spencer's heading South

Middle part strong gales from South by East at daylight Solanders Island bearing S East dist 15 miles

Later part set double reef top sail Spencer's heading S by East a heavy sea running at noon Solanders bearing East by South dist 10 miles

In the month of November 1847

November. Monday the 8th 1847

first part of these 24 hours blowing a gale from South East we laying under a close reef. Main top sail and Spencer's between Solanders and the main island at 7 PM the cutter Schultze to the South East we heading South by East Solanders bearing South East dist 5 miles

Middle part wind squally and blowing heavy from S East at daylight Solanders bearing South dist 5 miles we heading West at 10 AM we were away for Preservation Harbour bearing South East at 12 PM came too in 14 fathoms of water land locked and smothered as cream here but blowing a breeze from S East outside S East

Tuesday the 9th 1847

first part of these 24 hours blowing a gale from S East we laying in Preservation Harbour where it is smooth as cream. Boat and boat on shore for water at 3 PM returned. Tricked the wind and boat anodine me fishing

Middle part strong gales from the S East and rain. 2 boats away for water and the boat for a boat to the harbour boat

Later part strong gale from off the mountain at noon boats returned. So Ends strong gales from the S East blowing a heavy gale outside

Wednesday the 10th 1847

first part of these 24 hours strong gales from S East and a heavy gale from off the mountain at 4 PM the cutter Schultze began to drag with the West anchor out and 35 fathoms chain let go the small anchor immediately and paid out chain 30 fathoms small anchor 90 fathoms best lower we are now in 5 fathoms water and our anchors in 16 at 5 PM ran our anchor falls to an small island and have it in properly in case of an accident

Middle part constant rain accompanied with lightning at daylight took the small anchor and sighted the big one all clear ran towline one shore to a tree from the harbour quarter boats on shore and game at noon all boats returned weather very squally