

Thursday March 31st 1859

This day commenced with a moderate gale from N.E.W. with thick rainy weather. The bark here to under close reefed main & headsail up & fore sail & foremast stay sail. This forenoon sent down the fore & gallant and main & gal yard about noon the wind shifted to the Southward and quite fresh at 2 P.M. called all hands and took in the light sails and reefed the topsails and courses, very cold with heavy squalls of hail rain and snow.

Wind South

22 days out

Friday April 1st 1859

This day commenced with a fresh gale from S.E.W. and gradually hauled into W. S. W. accompanied with heavy squalls of hail. Made and took in sail as required. The ship has shone more today than it has for the past 20 days. The Lizard's been about north distant about sixty miles. We are now here too with the wind W. S. W. and blowing very hard with a very heavy swell, hail squalls now and then for a variety. Back on sea and the bark ships considerable water.

Wind W. S. W. and fresh and cold

20 days out

Saturday April 2nd 1859

This day commenced with a moderate breeze from the S.W. and quite clear made all sail about daylight. Several ships in sight. Middle and latter part the same. This forenoon had all hands and hove out the fore hold for wood water and provisions and got through about noon. This has been quite a pleasant day for this part of the world. In night the captain had some trouble with the man at the wheel and for punishment sent him to the mast head at the main. Tacked ship at 5 P.M. heading to the Southward wind light.

Wind S.W.

21 days out

Sunday April 3rd 1859

This day commenced with a very light wind and thick dark cloud overhead going very quick. At 11th after sunrise quite a moderate breeze from N.E.W. About noon raised Lizard on our lee bow, tacked ship to the Southward at two the wind shifted South, tacked again and went on course. Latter part strong breeze and very squally with little rain, a large ship on our weather beam.

Last night in the first watch sent up the fore & gal yard and sail. This morning washed down the deck. At 7 P.M. took in some of the light sails.

Wind South. Course N.E. S.

22 days out

Very squally

Monday April 4th 1859

This day commenced with a strong breeze from the south with heavy squalls. This forenoon sent up Main & gal yard and sail and also the topmast studding sail boom and set the sail also got a bag of butter out of the main hold. Middle and latter part strong breeze from S.E.W. with frequent squalls. We have made a very good run to the Westward since two o'clock yesterday afternoon gain upon an average 4 or 5 knots an hour. A sail in sight ahead steering about the same course that we are. Good bye to Cape Horn.

23 days out

Wind South & S.E. W. at 7 P.M. } Courses steered
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Tuesday April 5th 1859

Thus twenty four hours have been quite moderate with a light breeze from S.E.W. and cloudy. This forenoon raised a fin back and struck a Porpoise. Middle and latter part quite moderate. The mate at work repairing the Mast. Boat shifted ends with the 1st & 2nd halys and done a few jobs about the Starboard boat.

We have been very unlucky about catching porpoises having struck several the past few days and have got none. We are about out of oil and need to catch one very much. Abundance of birds around the ship and snow and then a Penguin.

Course N.E. Wind S.E.W. and light.

24 days out.