

Remarks on board of the Ship *Balsena*

Monday December 27th 1841

First part of this day light winds & pleasant weather from the Eastward. Middle & latter part wind S.E. by E & pleasant, course S.W. by S.

Lat by obs 13° 35' South
Long by Chron 32° 17' West

Tuesday Dec 28th

First part light winds from the East & pleasant weather. Saw a ship standing to the Southward. Middle & latter part cloudy with some rain wind from E & E. Saw a Brig standing to the North showing English Colours. Course S.W. by S. Lat by obs 16° 20' South

Long by Chron 33° 01' West

Wednesday Dec 29th

All this day light winds from S.E. & cloudy with some rain, course S.W. by S. & S.W. by S.

Lat by obs 17° 05' South
Long by Chron 33° 50' West

Thursday Dec 30th

First part strong winds from the S.E. by E & cloudy took in the fore & main top gallant sails. Middle part wind the same latter part wind from the S.E. & with much rain. At noon the wind shifted to S.E., course S.W. by S.

Lat by obs
Long Chron

Friday Dec 31st

First part strong gales from the S.E. at 1 P.M. took in the main top gallant sail & double reefed the top. Sails heavy squalls of rain at 1 P.M. took in the main sail Middle & latter part strong gales set the main sail fore & spanker heading S.W.

Bound towards Cape Horn January 1842

Saturday January the 1st

First part strong gales from the S.E. by S. attended with rainy weather. Set the main sail Middle and latter part much the same saw a Brig. Course S.W. by S. Latitude 23° 50' South

Sunday January the 2nd

First part strong winds and thick rainy weather. Middle & latter part pleasant weather.

Saw Porpoises wind from the S.E. by S.

Course S.W. by S. Lat 25° 58' South
Long by Chron 39° 10' West
Lunar 38° 49'

Monday January the 3rd

All this day light winds from the S.E. by S. and pleasant weather. Saw a sail to the southward. Course S.W. by S. Lat 28° 05' South
Long 40° 50' West

Tuesday January the 4th

All this day light winds from the S.E. by S. and pleasant weather bent the fore spanker and a new main topsail. Course S.W. Lat 29° 52' S.
Long 42° 01' W

Wednesday January the 5th

First part light winds & pleasant weather bent a new fore sail & fore topsail saw Porpoises Middle & latter part thick weather. Employed at getting out water and clearing the decks, lashing spars &c for Cape Horn, round from the Northward. Course S.W.

Lat 31° 27' South
Long 43° 47' W

Thursday January the 6th

First part fresh winds from the N.E. & W. and thick hazy weather. Employed at stowing off the main hold & between decks Middle part much the same latter part light winds from the South. First & Middle part Course S.W. latter W. by S.

Latitude 32° 35' South
Long 44° 09' West