

Ship Petrel off Rio Plata 1863

Thursday 14th Dec

14th Fine wind N E more Petrel & all sail set
Stowing of the hold & took in sail &
at daylight made sail at 8 P.M. of S W
for Cape Horn. Lat 36 33

Friday 15th Long 52 10

15th Fine wind N E. con S W main top sail set
Middle part fine. Latter do

Saturday 16th

16th Fresh gales from the S E veering to the E
at 6 & double reefed fore & main top sail
Middle part fine. Latter do calm

Sunday 17th Lat 40 10 Long 54 20

17th Fine wind S S E heading to the W and
a large French ship to leeward Middle part
fine wind to a S W more to the S
Latter part brisk gales at W S W

Monday 18th Lat 41 30 Long 55 15

18th Fine wind W con S by W. All sails set
Middle part fine wind to S. Latter part
wind to

Lat 43 52

Tuesday 19th Long 54 50

19th Fine wind W con S S W all sail set
doing odd jobs. Middle part fine. Latter
part strong gales, hauled by jib & top sails

Wednesday 20th Lat 46 08 Long 55 35

20th Strong gales at S W con S S W all sails set
double reefed hauled main sail, took in sail
heading S W at light made sail kept of
N E. Coopering Bread & Flour Lat 46 57

Thursday 21st Long 57 50

21st Strong gales at S more to the E at 8 wind
to took in sail heading to the S at day
light made sail kept of N E, fore &
booms broke out. Coopering Bread & Flour

Lat 48 46

Long 58 27

Petrel outwards Bound 1863

Friday 23rd Dec 1863

23rd Strong gales at W con N E. Coopering Bread
& Flour at 4 saw a ship luffed to at 6 spoke
the Benj. Rush of Wrentham Capt. came on board
stood to the E. Middle part fine. Latter do

Saturday 24th Lat 47 25 Long 49

24th fine wind S heading to the E all sail set
at dusk took in sail & more to the S W at light
made sail to the S. Latter part fine wind S W
at sunset took in. Lat 45 25 Long 54 57

Sunday 25th

25th Strong gales at S W double reefed top sails, at
sunset took in sail & more to the S W. Middle
part strong gales hauled fore sail. Latter part
the same heading to the S. Lat 46 05

Monday 26th Long 54 40

26th Strong gales at S heading S double reefed top
sail at sunset & more to the S set fore sail
Middle part calm. Latter part set double
reefed top sails, jib & main sail Lat 45 44

Tuesday 27th Long 56 05

27th Strong gales & squally from the W more to the
S. Heading at 4 took in main sail fore & main
top sails, wind S W more to the W, hard squalls
close reefed the main top sail. more to the W, wind
S W. Latter part same Lat 45 44

Wednesday 28th Long 58 05

28th A hard gale from the S heading W close reefed
main top sail, at evening mott set fore sail &
fore top sail. Middle part mott, Latter part
fine calm. Lat 45 40

Thursday 29th Long 57 25

29th Mott wind to S W heading S S W all sail
set, at 4 took in top sails & double reefed top sails
con S W by S wind N E W, at 11 hauled jib main
sail fore & main top sail, very rugged at 2 took in fore
sail & luffed to to the W. Latter part calm kept
of S W set double reefed top sails Lat 47 09 Long 55 55