

Ship Petrel Outward Bound 1853-54

Friday 30th Dec 1853

30th Mostt wind I made to the W set main to sail
at 4 calm, some home sick ch deen, sweet friend
sweet wife sweet wife, I love the more & more
read my girls old letters, dear sweet girl - calm cleared
down at 5 light airs at 6 con S W, latter part
the same all sail hoisted in W & B Boat

Saturday 31st day of Dec

Lat 47 00 Long 60 30

31st Fine wind N con. S W by S all sail set, thoughts
of home, of my dear wife, at 5 wind N, Light,
Middle part the same, latter do con S W

Sunday 1st January 1854

Lat 48 36 Long 62 14

1st I wish you a happy New Year, wind N
con. S W all sail set. pleasant at 11 strong
gales from the S latter mostt thick drizzle & drizzle
thoughts of my dear sweet one Meads

Monday 2nd

2nd tem begins squally look in fog, at 2 set
all sail cleared, pleasant, at 6 calm & ships
in sight con S E Middle part strong
gales, at 8 W, latter part the same light of S E
2 sail in sight

Lat 53 43

Tuesday 3rd Jan 53 55

3rd Strong gale at N W W con S E all sail set
saw 3 sail passed Bank Catalpa, spoke ship
Florida, made E End of Staten Land
beginning S W died of calm, Middle part
light winds, latter part the same

Wednesday 4th Jan 54 14 Long 63 30

4th Fine light airs from the S W con S W by S
at 2 wind N, W S W 3 ships in sight heading
S E, Middle part light airs from the S W
at 7 more to the S W, at 11 to the S

Lat 56 24 Long 63 38

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Thursday 5th Jan 1854

5th Fine wind W heading S all sail set at 6 S W
at 9 W S W, Middle part fresh breezes, latter
part the same foggy, & drizzle all night so through
the day heading S W to S W N. ch

Friday 6th

6th Strong increasing gales, from N W W to N W
heading S S W to S W foggy, & drizzle, at 6 double
reefed top sails, Bar, very low, saw a ship to the
windward, drizzle, at 11 wind N W S W more to the
N W, hauled all main sail, pitched away head
sail, latter part strong gales close reefed top sail, reefed
main sail, hard squalls of hail & snow

Saturday 7th Jan 57 16 Long 67 15

7th Hard gales at W S W, more to the S hauled fore top
sail & fore sail, main sail, at 5 close reefed main
top sail & more to the W close reefed main & main
top sails at 12 set fore sail, at 5 fore top sail latter
part hard squalls, at 10 close reefed top at 9 am

Sunday 8th Jan 56 39 67 09

8th Hard gales from the W S W, more to the S hauled fore
sail at 5 more to the W S W set fore & main sail &
jib, Middle part mostt at 3 made Cape Horn leaving
N W W latter part mostt made all sail at 10 looked
to the S W a ship on the weather bow at 12 backed
to the S

Lat 56 30 Long 67 15

Monday 9th

9th Fresh gales at W, to W S W, standing to the S at 1 to the
N W, at 4 20 miles from the Cape Horn to the S, passed
our companion 6 miles across his bow, Middle
part light wind & rain, calm at 6 wind N con W S W
latter part drizzle & at 11 misted & again

Tuesday 10th

10th Mostt wind W heading S all sail set. Saw a school
of sperm whales, did not lower, Middle part strong
gales at 6 heading W by S latter do con W Bar 26 08
drizzle & squally at 12 double reefed top sails

Lat 57 22 Long 71 00