

Ship Balauena of New Bedford Capt John Dorman

Thursday March 16th 1854

Comes in with Breezes from N.W. the Ship steering to the Eastward Middle part rainy Ends with fine weather Saw nothing the Carpenter a little Better Lat by obs 35.57 Long by Chron 80.00

Friday March 17th

First part of these twenty four hours Moderate Breeze from the N.W. the Ship steering S.E. Middle & latter part rainy & squally Saw a Brig steering S.E. Ends with Southwesterly Winds Saw nothing in the Shape of Fish Lat by obs 37.11 Long by Chron 78.19

Saturday March 18

These twenty four hours fine pleasant Weather & Moderate Breeze from the Southward the Ship steers to the Eastward Ends with light Breeze from S.W. Saw a Brig to the Eastward Carpenter still off the Hooks Lat by obs 37.30 Long by Chron 76.35

Sunday March 19th

Comes in with strong Breezes from the Southward the Ship steering to the Eastward at sunset Shortened sail Middle part Standing to the S.W. at 6 A.M. wore Ship to the Eastward Saw fin backs the Carpenter about the same Lat by obs 37.20 Long by Chron 75.35

Monday March 20th

This Day Comes in with fine Weather & fresh Breeze from S.W. Middle & latter part blowing fresh the Ship heading to the N.W. a Ship in Sight steering to the Northward Saw fin backs

Lat by obs 37.40 Long by Chron 75.54

Tuesday March 21

Comes in with fresh Breezes from S.E. the Ship steering to S.W. Middle & latter part much the same at 10 A.M. Saw the land bearing S.E. 30

Saw a Ship in Sight steering N.E.
Lat by obs 37.35 Long by Chron 74.11

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Wednesday March 22nd 1854

Comes in with fine weather and light Breeze from S.W. the Ship steering in for the Land in Company with several other Vessels at 10 A.M. Nearly Calm the Island of Quiriquina bearing N.E. 15 miles Dist Lat by obs 36.40

Thursday March 23rd

These twenty four hours fine weather & light Breeze from the Southward at 2 P.M. Calm towards sunset sprung up a light Breeze from the Westward Hauled off Shore for the night at daylight thick fog ends with thick weather

Friday March 24th

This day Comes in with fine weather & light Breeze from the Northward the fog lighted up so we could see the Land Steer in for the Bay & let go Anchor in four fathoms water about 7 P.M. & furled the sails & so ends this Cruise with 75 Barrels & seen but one Chance to get a Whale I hope next Cruise will be more successful