

Ship Balena off the Galapagos Islands

1855 Monday July 2nd

Strong breeze with passing clouds, & rain during the night. Latter vessel the S. L. sail. (Course Westward) Saw Sulphur bottoms. Mr. H. still confined to his bed with having left it for ten days. Lat. 1.32 S Long 89.2 W

Tuesday July 3rd

Fresh breeze with cloudy weather. 12 noon Crossed the N. to S. 15 miles. Saw Sulphur bottoms. Cuylogia variabilis. Lat. 1.33 S Long 89.2 W

Wednesday July 4th

Fresh breeze with passing clouds. Saw Cross & Charles Island. Saw Sulphur bottoms. (Course N.W. 1/2 W). 1st Officer left his bed a few hours today. Lat. 1.31 S Long 90.15 W

Thursday July 5th

Breeze with fresh breeze & heavy weather. Middle & latter light breeze & fair at 4 PM. Saw a school of Spin Whales 3 miles from the ship heading S.W. did not follow for them, it being too dark to catch them. Latter cruising off South Head, saw three sail. 1st Officer no better. (Crossed under 00 55 50 feet.) Lat. 1.15 S Long 91.25 W

Friday July 6th

Breeze with light breeze & fair. Middle vessel blowing almost a gale. Rec'd the S. L. sail. Latter moderate & fair, cruising off weather bay. Saw six backs. Cuylogia variabilis. Lat. 0.55 S Long 91.47 W

Saturday July 7th

Moderate winds on calm with fair sky. Cruising off Ley Bay. Took one G. fish. Sent down the S. L. sail for repairs. Saw a Bark boiling. Lat. 0.55 S Long 91.55 W

Ship Balena cruising for Whales

Monday July 8th

Moderate winds with fair weather. Cruising off Fernando Rock. Saw nothing of importance. Mr. H. still confined to his bed. Lat. 0.38 S Long 91.17 W

Tuesday July 9th

Moderate winds with fair sky. Cruising off Obispo Island. Cuylogia repairing the S. L. sail & being repaired. Lat. 0.38 S Long 91.15 W

Wednesday July 10th

Light winds with fair weather. Fresh part cruising off the Rock. Middle having with Main S. L. sail back. Latter course N.W. Employed repairing the S. L. sail. 1st Officer still confined to his bed. Lat. 0.35 S Long 91.52 W

Thursday July 11th

Strong breeze with passing clouds. Saw Minnow & Galapagos Islands. Saw Killers & looked for them without success. Lat. 1.24 S Long 92.18 W

Friday July 12th

Strong breeze with passing clouds. Cruising off Galapagos spoke the Bark Atlantic, 9 AM 188. Sun. Lat. 1.24 S Long 91.49 W

Saturday July 13th

Fresh breeze with passing clouds & gust. Course Eastward. Saw a sail bearing Eastward. Mr. H. still confined to his bed. (Course N.W. 1/2 W). Lat. 1.24 S Long 90.54 W