

Ship St Peter Saturday Sep 7th 1850
Cloudy weather, and strong winds from the S. Steering W. by N.
Set fore & main topsails and flying jib. In the afternoon
it came on squally.

Sunday Sep 8th
This morning the wind shifted to S. by E. blowing fresh steering S. by E.
Weather pleasant. Saw a few finbacks - blew in the forenoon saw that it was
Monday Sep 9th

Commenced active operations this week by luffing ship at 6 bells
steering E. by N. the wind being quite strong from the South with
pleasant weather. Sent down the purchase to the fore topsail. Haul
in new shroups the blocks & sent them up again. In the afternoon
the wind hauled to S. by E. steering E. by N. the weather pleasant.

Tuesday Sep 10th
Pleasant weather and strong winds from S. by E. steering E. by N.
Sent down the sparker vangs and bent new ones. The old men made
a chest for the mate. In the afternoon the wind became light.

Wednesday Sep 11th
The wind light from S. by E. steering E. by N. the weather continued
pleasant. Sent down main topsail foot rope and secured it over
and sent it up again. Capped the main stay. At P.M. started E. by N.

Thursday Sep 12th
During the night the wind hauled to S. by E. consequently
our course was changed to S. by E. Forenoon pleasant afternoon
cloudy with a little rain. Captain made pickers for the
ship. Biddle must grind because he can do it a little the best.

Friday Sep 13th
Pleasant weather and very light breeze from S. steering E. by N.
Tacked at 6 bells. At steering W. by N. saw a ship on our weather quarter
before we tacked. Consequently the starboard jib was turned in and set. Ship
took a light shower of rain in the afternoon. Captain started pickers.

Saturday Sep 14th
A dead calm. The weather is hazy and murky. Then a light shower
at 6 bells. Lays about 7 miles to windward playing top like.
In the afternoon all that could swim were over the side trying their
powers of navigation on their own hook. Towed the starboard boat
for a large sword fish but with no success. The 3rd mate tried
a little bull game once or about coiling the boat fall and a
few sharp words passed between us but he could not come it.

Sunday Sep 15th
At 5 P.M. the Balise ran down and her 3rd mate came aboard
the Captain & mate being sick. She was the Balise of
Rev. Bradford Captain. Her 3rd mate out 300 sperm. sold for
Hampstead in 1000. Captain Almy went aboard and freshened at night.

Monday Sep 16th
In the morning the wind was fresh from E. by N. steering S. by E. noon
then altered the course to N. by E. the Balise run off and
the Captain went aboard of her and stayed till 8 in the evening.
At sunset ran to in fore and main topsails and at
sunset furlled the mainsail main topsails and fly jib.

Tuesday Sep 17th
The weather cloudy and a strong wind from the S. by E. steering S.
During the afternoon took several showers. At 6 P.M. hauled the
main sail and took the main stay for a ram with Barque mate.
We had to run off about 12 miles carried her 3rd mate & 2 others. At
sunset furlled fore and aft furlled the mainsail and fly jib.

Ship St Peter Tuesday Sep 17th on the 18th hills
Blowing a half a gale from the S. by E. steering close hauled. At night
till 8 P.M. when we wore ship and started N. by E. for Orange Island.
Turned reef out of fore and main topsail and loosed the mainsail. Sailed
lighted Dennis at 8 P.M. and at 4 hauled on the wind came E. by N.

Wednesday Sep 18th
In the morning loosed the topgallant sail and flying jib. Sailed
for Dennis Island. At 11 A.M. a stiff breeze blowing from E. by N.
At 2 made the island and at 4 hove to and the Starboard and
Starboard Boats went ashore to shoot hogs. The Boats returned
at 5 P.M. bringing 3 hogs and a few hens. At 6 P.M. stood away steering
E. but the wind shifted and we were obliged to steer E. by N. on the reef
at the 11th corner of the island and touched her keel twice but without
damage. 15 feet more to windward would have brought us up the ship
and stood N. till 9 in the evening then hauled on the wind again.

Thursday Sep 19th
Light winds and pleasant weather. Raised a blow this morning
and everything was got ready for lowering but sad to relate they were
killed instead of sperm whales. Dennis bearing E. just in sight. Forward
tacked at noon and steered S. by N. Come up with the fly jib
gave put in new doudges turned them in and set them up. Tacked
at sundown and stood E. by N. Dennis is 8 miles off bearing E. by N. in sight.

Friday Sep 20th
The wind very strong from the S. by E. steering S. by E. noon then
tacked and stood E. by N. at 1 P.M. set up the starboard main back stay. In
the afternoon hove to for water under the main hatch.
Carpenter has got a work up for for sleeping on his lookout and is
setting all the spikes in on the deck. Weather rather cloudy.
Double reefed the fore and main topsails at sunset. Tacked
when the first watch was out and stood S. by N. Dennis.

Saturday Sep 21st
Turned reef out of the fore and main topsails and tacked ship
at 6 bells in the morning standing E. by N. blowing a good breeze from
the S. by E. in 10 miles. The weather pleasant.
Sighted the island at 2 P.M. and at night tacked and stood S. by N.

Sunday Sep 22nd
Pleasant weather and light winds from S. by E. close hauled. Sailed
Tacked at noon and steered E. by N. again at 12 at night.

Monday Sep 23rd
Wore ship at 8 A.M. steering N. by N. for Bird Island. Passed
Dennis Island at 3 P.M. At sunset hauled back the
main yard and lay to under topsails. Raised a school of
Whales off Dennis. Set out rigging for topgallant the fore.

Tuesday Sep 24th
Sent in the 3rd and repaired it. Baced forward at sunrise
steering W. by N. the wind blowing fresh from S. Tacked at
noon steering E. by N. Sighted Bird Island at 2 P.M.
In the afternoon the wind was light steered East. Bant
the jib at sunset furlled the mainsail and flying jib. This is the
first time that I have taken the hove to the main sail.

Wednesday Sep 25th
In the morning the weather was cloudy and wind fresh from S. by E.
steering S. by E. Loosed the mainsail main topgallant and fly jib
at sunrise. Did sundry jobs in the rigging. Saw a vessel off
the lee beam at 4 P.M. At night double reefed fore & aft.

Thursday Sep 26th
Set all sail at sunrise steering S. by E. During the forenoon
the wind fell to a calm. Strapped standing sail tack block
and hauled in prevented fly jib and set in doudges.