

33 day
34 day
35 day
36 day

Journal of a voyage to the Atlantic and Arctic Ocean on
Saturday January 15th 1853

All these 24 hours a fresh breeze from the N. by E. and beautiful weather steering by the wind to the southward with all sail set going at the rate of 7 1/2 knots by the log. About 9 o'clock in the evening the main at the wheel was discovered to be swinging. The Capt. enquired the cause and he replied that he was not well as the Capt. ordered him below. He had been there but a few minutes when he was taken with Spasms which lasted an hour or two during which time he was in much distress and out of his mind or his head but the Capt. and Mate officiated as his doctors and by morning he was on deck but not able to work. Brought a sail on the "crotchety" and was furled it. Saw 3 or 4 Sail bound home Merchantmen. Lett. 3

Sunday 16th

Another Sabbath. Has papers and who has been benighted or cutler who has realized the blessings which has been so graciously bestowed upon such unworthy creatures. O Lord may we not forget to give thee the glory for everything we so richly enjoy for their hat preserved us and prospered us and brought us on our journey safely so far and we look to thee for protection through life.

The day has been rather squally and we have been drifted over the water at the rate of from 7 1/2 to 9 knots we are shortening the distance toward Cape Horn. Saw several sail. Lett.

Monday 17th

First some mizzle with a strong breeze from the E. with a few squalls of rain. Latter more moderate and very pleasant steering E. with all sail set. Saw 3 or 4 ships all bound home. Lett. 3

Tuesday 18th

All these 24 hours a light breeze from the E. and beautiful weather steering E. by N. Got the foretopmast to the rigging. The blacksmith to work at the forge.

There appears to be plenty to do. Only think 3 or 4 men and work enough for all. I suppose it will hold out all the voyage. Saw several merchant ships bound home and blackfish that was at home. Lett. 3

a whaling voyage
Hearings Master
For Cape Horn

37 day
Wednesday January 19th 1853.

The wind continued to hurry us from home but there's one consolation in this for the sooner we get on whaling round the sooner we shall be getting ready to go home to our all anxious to get over the ground as fast as we can and we have been blessed with a quick passage thus far. The wind still blows from the E. steering S. by W. Saw several sail but we cannot get a chance to send letters home to our friends yet though we have plenty written.

Thursday January 20th

The first feast we had since we were away and we began to think that our old friend the (S. E. Trades) was about leaving us but after dodging round for 5 hours he concluded to settle in the old gear and to hurry us toward Cape Horn. Bent the main topgallant stay sail. Several sail in sight.

Friday January 21th

It is said that music hath power to soothe the savage beast and it is even so. My ears is charmed with music at this time and it is with great difficulty that I can keep my thought upon my writing. I never was so lucky as to get ~~the~~ board of a ship before that had any musician before but now the Capt. plays the fiddle and the 2nd Mate and one foremast hand besides the 2nd Mate play on an accordion which is much better than a fiddle. It all helps to pass of the time. The wind is light and about S. E. steering S. by W. Saw 2 or 3 sail. One steering the same as we are. Lett. 3

Saturday January 22

This has been a very warm day as the wind has been S. by E. we steering before it to the S. by W. The sun has beat down upon us so that we are almost burned to a blister. This weather will contrast very much with that at home. Let up the lower and top rigging fore and aft broke out for bread beef and pork and mutton. The blacksmith is working at the forge. The Carpenter fitting the monkey scale and the cooper making stink buckets and so fourth. Kept our neighbour astern. Saw blackfish. Lett. 3