

Cruising on the Desolation Ground

Saturday Dec 29th /60

Begins with strong breeze from N. on the Eastern tack
See a Grampus Lat 48.05 Long 71-21 in latter part thick
fog & rainy weather at 4 PM more open to the westward

Sunday 30th

Begins with rain & fog ship heading to the N.W. at
7 PM more ship to the Eastward ship under close reefed
topsails & storm sails No Observations made till
part the same latter part clear with strong E. breeze

Monday 31st

Begins with a fresh breeze & a heavy swell in evening
See a Right whale did not lower on either

Lat 47.35 Long 72, middle part gale from
N.E. and rain latter part clear in the morning and

Right whale weather to back to lower more ship to the N.

Tuesday Jan 1st 1861

Commences with a fresh gale from N.E. to N.E. and
clear with a heavy swell ship on the eastern tack under
storm sails Lat 47.26 Long 71.45 middle part strong
gales from N. latter part light winds and fine weather
with a heavy swell

Wednesday 2nd

Begins with light winds and fine weather and a
heavy swell ship on the eastern tack Lat 47-20 Long 71.45
middle part the same ship on the Northern tack

Thursday 3rd

Fresh gales from N.W. and some squally ship heading
from N.E. to N. under close reefed topsails & heavy sails
a haul from the Mirmaida Smith came aboard 24 mottos
see ship & sealable Lat 47.20 Long 71.28

middle part the same

Friday 4th

Fresh gales from N.W. and squally, sail in light at 4
PM more ship to the N.W. Lat 46.25 Long 71.00
middle & latter part to the same

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Saturday Jan 5th

Fresh gales from N.W. and thick mist till
after 4 PM then clear and more moderate sea & sail
Lat 47.20 Long 71.52, ship heading N.W. and
middle & latter part moderate breeze and fine weather

Sunday 6th

Begins with moderate breeze & fine weather
Ship heading N.E. at 2 PM tack to the westward
gained with the Mirmaida Smith. almost strong breeze
to some thick weather Lat 47.00 Long 71.41 middle & latter

part the same at 6 PM steering N.E. under

Monday 7th

Begins with strong gales from N.W. steering N.E.
under topsails & main & gallant sail, Lat 46.25.

Long 71-33, course N.E. been here 11 days & built down
making weather middle & latter part moderate breeze &
fine weather but the main sail & sent up the main
Royal yard & Royal wind.

Tuesday 8th

Begins with light winds from S.E. and fine weather and
up the fore to gallant yard & sent the fore to gallant sail
Broke with bread & water after 4 PM fresh breeze from
E.S.E. course N.E. Lat 44-40 Long 72-16 - middle & latter
part breeze from the Eastward

Wednesday 9th

Begins with strong breeze and cloudy wind E.N.E.
ship on the Northern tack under reefed topsails.
No Observations, middle part fresh gales from N.E. &
rain latter part the same

Thursday 10th

Begins with a strong breeze from N.W. and foggy strong
N.E. a heavy S.E. swell, N. Obs. No & 2 part the same

Friday 11th

Fresh gales from N.W. and foggy & squally course N.E.
Lat 46.26 Long 73.15 middle & latter part light winds &
fine weather see a seal to the Eastward