

Barque Ranger

Off Tristan d'Acunha

Monday Dec 20th

Lat 31.00 Long 25.25 Moderate trades heading S. by E. two sails in sight Mid & Lat part the same one sail in sight also several Finbacks employed cutting boat sails & various other jobs

Tuesday Dec 21st

Lat 32.53 Long 23.07 Mod. trads heading S.E. by E. various jobs Mid & Lat part light trades emp breaking out water

Wed Dec 22^d

Lat 33.19 Long 21.32 Light breeze steering S.E. mid Lat part the same emp various jobs fine weather

Thurs Dec 23^d

Lat 34.12 Long 19.20 continues same steering S.E. emp in various way upon boat sails and in rigging Mid part light breeze Lat part strong breeze from Westward steering S.E. emp making boat sails & capping main rigging two sails in sight saw Killers

Friday Dec 24

Lat 35.19 Long 16.38 S. Sea light wind from N. N. E. steering S.E. slip on boat sail & capping main rigging two sails in sight saw a Finback & Porpoises Mid part light breeze Lat part do

Lat 36.11 Long 13.41 *Sat Dec 25th*

Light breeze steering S.E. by E. two sails in sight saw Swamphens. Christmas how pleasant it would be to be at home enjoying it Mid part light breeze at between 6 & 9 P.M. took the top on out on deck & had some good music & singing at 11 we took in the light sails & put the ship to the wind with head yds aback at 1/2 past 5 P.M. morning daylight saw the Island Tristan d'Acunha having a fine view of the wine made all sail & steered for it. Had a pig & had a good Christmas dinner

Sunday Dec 26th

Lat 37.11 Long 10.41 fine breeze stood in clove to the town & then hauled to the wind steering S.E. by E. and two sails in sight saw Finbacks & Porpoises a Gony Sea Shear & several other birds two various & mountain Mice & latter part cloudy with light breeze.



Outward Bound

mid part steering S.E. Lat part one sail in sight also several Finbacks

Lat 36.26 Long 24.00 *Monday Dec 27th*

Moderate breeze steering S. by E. one sail in sight also saw abundance of Finbacks mid & latter part strong breeze from N. steering S. by E. struck & got a Porpoise two sails in sight steering Southward. emp seizing off main rigging & making boat sails & other odd jobs

Lat 35.51 Long 23.38 *Tues Dec 28th*

Strong breeze from N. steering S.E. by E. one mt ship in sight steering S.E. wind emp Finbacks & porpoises & a large quantity of right whale brit feed emp the same Mid & Lat part the same saw 3 sails steering Southward saw Finbacks & Blackbird

Wed Dec 29th

Lat 35.24 Long 1.03 M. Light breeze at about 2 P.M. wind hauled from the N.W. to the Southward moderate breeze & thick fog with some rain one sail in sight steering S.E. Mid part the same Lat part at 6 A.M. raised a school of sperm whales 4 miles off lowerward shut in thick so lost sight of them suppose they got galled & went out of sight & we were not able to see them after the fog cleared & we saw nothing of them. After the fog cleared we saw a ship towing a net in hope to save them again

Thursday Dec 30th

Lat 35.21 Long 00.12 Moderate breeze working to wind & trying to catch sight of them again but all our efforts seem fruitless Mid part took in the light sails & Mammal Lat part 5 A.M. made sail heading N.W. emp breaking out beef & various other jobs

Friday Dec 31st

Lat 35.28 Long 00.15 Light breeze heading S. by E. engaged variables was mid part moderate Lat part light breeze saw a few albatross engaged making boat sails & various other jobs

Saturday & Sunday Jan 1st 1870

Lat 35.38 Long 00.20 Light air from heading S. by E. saw a few mt ship emp various jobs. Mid & Lat part heading S.E. by E. Lat part took in the light sails

Lat 35.28 Long 01.24 Moderate breeze at 1 P.M. took in the light sails heading S. by E. saw Finbacks Porpoises & albatross in sight Mid part light breeze heading S.E. by E. emp making & capping