

Cruising in the South Atlantic Ocean for Right Whales on Bark Sea Ranger

Tuesday Dec 9th 1879

This day comes in with thick rainy weather a strong breeze from North Ship under easy sail by the wind some fin backs in sight Middle part the same weather part change of wind to W. with clearing weather made some sail ship standing to E. So ends the day

Wednesday Dec 10th
This day comes in with a strong breeze from NE Ship steering by the wind some fin backs in sight the watch employed in picking up and reefing fore braces Middle part winds the same and ship standing on opposite tack broke out Beef and pork latter part winds the same several fin backs in sight Nothing including for the day So ends the day

Thursday Dec 11th
This day comes in with a moderate breeze from N West Ship steering by the wind to N. West Ship and stood to S. W. plenty of fin backs in sight and boat or feed Middle part the same backed ship and stood to N. Boat Stevedores employed in putting on rattines on the chain top mast rigging plenty of fin backs in sight latter part the same took in sail all is well So ends the day

Friday Dec 12th
This day comes in with a fresh breeze from NE with very thick rainy weather took in sail (lost reefed the fore and main) took up Starboard Boat Ship steering West to wind on port tack Middle part the same called the lookout down and gave the signal of the ship top sail latter part more moderate plenty of black fish in sight and saw what they called a right whale but windward but the boat to tower the results plenty of Bret Saguels

Saturday Dec 13th
This day comes in with a fresh gale of wind from NW Ship laying to under a goose wing main top sail run on the lookout Middle part the same called then down some squalls of rain latter part more moderate hauled home the master chain top sail sheet Sunday Dec 14th So ends

This day comes in with a moderate gale from NW Ship sailing to under a lost reefed main top sail some squalls of rain men aloft set fore top sail and fore sail Middle part more moderate on sail to East hard under easy sail later fresh breeze and strong breeze from the same quarters some fin backs in sight So ends the day

Monday Dec 15th 1879

This day comes in with a strong breeze from West Ship steering the wind to North W. West Ship and stood to North Middle part winds the same and very strong breeze fore top mast stay sail and sent it in for repairs latter part winds from NE moderate from SW Ship steering the same employed in mending the fore top mast stay sail So ends the day

Tuesday Dec 16th
This day comes in with a calm and light air from N. E. Ship steering to Westward some fin backs in sight and one sail employed in putting on rattines Middle part a moderate breeze from the same quarter some fin backs in sight latter part the same spoke and gained the Bark Darch B. Hale with 550 lbs all told. coming on bad weather change to E So ends the day

Wednesday Dec 17th
This day comes in with a strong breeze from North with thick rainy weather Ship by the wind under two close reefed top sails Nothing in sight Middle part change of wind to NW West Ship and stood to North more clearing men aloft Nothing going on latter part the wind change to WNW Ship steering by the wind with the reefs out and courses down Nothing in sight So ends the day

Thursday Dec 18th
This day comes in with moderate gales from NW Ship steering by the wind very hazy weather Nothing in sight Middle part the same Nothing going on on Board kept working to Westward latter part winds from the same quarter but very thick weather Nothing in sight So ends the day

Friday Dec 19th
This day comes in with strong breeze from NW Ship steering by the wind to North the watch employed in breaking out water Nothing in sight Middle part winds the same Ship steering S. East putting on some rattines saw some grampus latter part winds the same and ship steering the same and came to wind and close reefed top sails So ends the day

Saturday Dec 20th
This day comes in with a strong breeze from NW Ship by the wind to North one fin back in sight Ship kept to East Middle part winds the same and ship steering E. Ship came to wind one Starboard tack by the wind on fin back in sight latter part the same dull times on board So ends the day
Broke out Beef and pork