

Towards Cape Horn 1843

Sunday September the 3

begins with light NW winds steering S by E, under all the sails we have the means of setting; at 10 P.M. carried away fore topmast studding sail boom, got another one up, & set the sails again; middle part, and latter studding sail. Winds steering S by E, so ends - three men sick. Latitude 35-30, Longitude 166-27.

Monday September the 4

comes in with strong Westly winds and pleasant weather, steering S by E, middle part attended with squalls of rain, latter part much the same, so ends; three men sick. Latitude 36-47, Longitude 162-54.

Tuesday September the 5

begins with strong westly winds, steering S by S, under all sails, middle part steering S by S, at 12 o'clock carried away the foretopgallant mast, but saved all the rigging. Latter part reefed our topsails attended with heavy squall of wind and rain, steering East, so ends, three men sick, Lat 37-43, Longitude 158-53.

Wednesday September the 6

begins with strong NW gales steering S by S; at 4 P.M. climbed up the main top sail to mend it, and then set it again. Middle part at 1 P.M., the maintop sail, sheet parted, which tore it all to shivers, got the fragments on deck; latter part scudding under double reef foretop sail and foresail so ends three men sick, Latitude 38-18, Longitude 155-42.

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Thursday September the 7

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begins with strong gales, and very heavy squalls, at 4 P.M. bent a new maintop sail, and took in the fore and Mizzen, at 7 P.M. shipped a sea which took away the waist and, Harbor boat's two davits & all the oars and craft within the waist boat, and part of the Harbor boat's craft - steering S by E, with heavy Westly gales and a high sea running middle part (while in the act of hauling the foretop sail, Smith Borswell, fell from the yard, but by the intermediate hand of God that God who sees the smallest mite - he caught himself on the fore yard without any injury, save that of fright) middle part more moderate latter part made sail, steered S by S, bent a new foretop sail; so ends, Latitude 37-56, Longitude 152-11.

Friday September the 8

comes in with strong Westly winds steering S by S, at 4 P.M. sent down main royal yard and mast, the mizzen topgallant yard and Mizzen royal mast middle and latter part light breezes and a heavy swell; so ends, Latitude 39-40, Longitude 150-00.

Saturday September the 9

begins with light Westly winds and overcast, steering S by E, set studding sails middle part at 2 P.M. carried away foretopmast studding sail boom, found it to be dry rotten. Latter part attended with squall of rain, steering S by S, so ends, three men sick, Latitude 39-51, Longitude 148-30.