

Barque Beaver of Hudson Cruising 1840

Friday
Dec 18

The first part of these 24 hours strong breezes from the Northward at 5 am saw the dead whale and a crumby live ones lowered one boat and took him to the ship at 8 began to cut lost the head at 1 pm finished cutting and commenced boiling the latter part strong gales from the West at 5 pm took in sail

Saturday
Dec 19

The first part of these 24 hours strong breezes from the Westward with clear weather all employed boiling saw Killers the latter part moderate saw Whales did not lower for them at 8 pm took ship of shore at 11 finished boiling

Sunday
Dec 20

The first part strong gales from the Westward all hands employed in stowing down oil at 2 pm saw a ship in shore bound to the Southward the latter part moderate with rain at 5 pm finished stowing and took ship off shore

Monday
Dec 21

All of these 24 hours strong gales from the N.W. all employed in scraping and drying bone at 10 am tacked ship in shore at 5 pm saw a dead blasted whale and tacked ship off shore
Obs Lat 54. 27 S

Tuesday
Dec 22

The first part of these 24 hours fair weather made all sail and stood in shore saw nothing the latter part strong gales from the W.N.W. at 1 pm lost Richey's Staunts off the jib boom in harden the jib lowered a boat for him but did not get to him time to save him at 4 took in sail and tacked of shore

Wednesday
Dec 23

The first part of these 24 hours strong gales from the West at daylight the main topsail sheet parted and the sliding band of the main yard clewed up the main topsail and sent band on deck to mend at 3 pm slung the main yard and set the top sail saw nothing the latter part moderate at sundown took in sail and tacked of shore

Thursday
Dec 24

Beaver of Hudson Outward Bound

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The first part of these 24 hour strong gales from the S.W. called all hands to take in the fore sail at 4 am set the fore sail and fore top sail steered off S by S to go thru the Straits of L. Marni. the middle part moderate took in Waist Boat on deck the latter part strong gales from the W.S.W. close reefed the fore top sail and took in the bow boat on deck and steered S by W
Obs Lat 55. 00 S

Friday
Dec 25

The first part of these 24 hours strong gales from the S.W. saw nothing the middle and latter part moderate made all sail and steered to the southward and Westward all employed in scraping decks
Obs Lat 55. 52 S

Saturday
Dec 26

The greater part of these 24 hours fair weather with light breezes from the N.E. steered S.W. by W at 11 am saw Staten Land iceing north the latter part all employed in cleaning the ship at 8 pm the wind hauled to the S.W. with cloudy weather saw a big
Obs Lat 55. 50 South

Sunday
Dec 27

The greater part of these 24 hours light breezes from the S.W. with light showers of rain at 8 am saw finbacks at 2 pm saw Cape Horn bearing W.S.W. dist 9 leagues at 3 tacked to the Southward at 5 the wind hauled to the South with heavy squalls of rain double reefed the topsails
Obs Lat 56. 14 S

Monday
Dec 28

All of these 24 hours fine clear weather with a light breeze from S.W. to N. Steered W.S.W. at 9 am saw a ship bound around the Cape at 5 pm saw Cape Horn bearing N.W. to end
Obs Lat 56. 56 S

Tuesday
Dec 29

The first part of these 24 hours strong gales from the W.N.W. at daylight saw a ship bound home at 6 am saw a school of sperm whales at 8 took in the main sail and fore topsail the latter part moderate gales from the W.N.W. at 4 pm saw a ship bound around the Cape at 6 set the jib and main sail
Obs Lat 57. 38 S