

1842 Journal of Ship William Thompson

fish to any of any kind, busily setting
up rigging all this afternoon a
great number of sail in sight going
in all directions, there seems
no end to the Flying Fish there has
been thousands today sometimes
as many as 50 or 100 in school I
should judge

Latitude 2³⁷ N
Longitude 23. 50 W

Wednesday November 30

Strong breeze from
the S. E. by S heading S. W. I going
along about seven miles the William
is a splendid sailing ship she
has made over 130 to the S. today
we have beat long ship we have
come to any way before or on the
wind it makes no difference
there soon out of sight, to whale
yeh, we don't don't see them
the junk begins to show itself
three of our boat sterns are
almost useless they have piles
on almost every part of them

Latitude - 38. 20 S
Longitude 26. 40 W

Thursday Dec. 1

Wind the same
heading the same, we are now
going a S. W. by S course, all
hands busily engaged in various
employment about the ship
blowing a fine breeze, Steward
Laid up with a bad Leg, but
where takes his place. Ships are
getting quite scarce about here
we have completely run away from
any thing we wish

Latitude 1. 24 S
Longitude 26. 40 W

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Tuesday December 2

Weather remains
as yesterday have not seen any ships
to day plenty of Flying Fish but
no whales, expect them soon now
she has come up in her course
this morning we are now steering
S. S. W. by thing is going on about
O. R. have lost sight of all the
ships, it is getting quite dull now
we have nothing to run away
from, all hands at work for
Carpenter is trying to do something
I don't really do what

Latitude 4. 15 S
Longitude 27. 45 W

Saturday Dec. 3

Weather very fine
and just about warm enough
sailing along at 8 knots full,
steering S. S. W. made three
degrees of Latitude this twenty
four hours and only a very
moderate breeze I wish I could
have just as much wind as
I want and from the right
quarter I think the William
Thompson would make four
degrees and a half if not more
all hands engaged busily at
their usual work

Latitude 7. 20 S
Longitude 28. 20 W

Sunday Dec 4

This day went off
very all Sunday on board a whale
ship dull enough if we only had
an eight foot beam to amuse
us, it would be something
reading and washing take
up all the forenoon and