

Mr. Journal of Ship William Thompson.

Saturday December 16
Light freezes from
the S.W. Steering N. and E. by N
on different Tacks, all hands
on duty except Babbet who is
still unable to work with his
fingers. The Carpenter is getting
quite fat. No very body has done
on finger that is a Ship (Pine)
Shavings is getting along as well
as can be expected, with cuffs,
kicks and blows from all hands

Longitude 42.00 W
Latitude 30.38 S

Sunday December 17
There was some
no wind during the night. I
began to breeze up some this
morning at 4, broke out to day
to get provisions for the steward,
and the Carpenter came to get
some plank but strange to
say he went to sleep but I soon
woke him up & a patient shower
bath, out of a bucket. No whales
as yet but hope soon to make
some small harvest among some
of them

Longitude
Latitude 30.39 S

Sunday December 18
Strong breeze
from the S.W. all day. Steering
S.W. half W, then was two fathoms.
alarms, one turned out to be
porpoises, the other was not seen
after I got into the Topmast Crosses
the hand employed themselves
in various ways some walking
others talking religious some
fighting this is the way

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we had most of our hands all
hands are now well and on
duty.

Latitude 32.00 S
Longitude 51.43 W

Monday December 19
Very squally all
night the wind has got round
to the North, some squalls, two
sailed in sight. Whales no doubt
round the same way that
we are, sent a new foresail
and staying. Thinking about
Cyber Storm I cut Dec. 18th
hayed to try and smooth freshened
mine to both plants of 10 horses
hired to get some but got 1. K

Longitude 49.4 W
Latitude 34.25 S

Tuesday December 20
Strong breeze
from the N.E. Steering S.W.
Sailing & steering if not more at
Ship the sight look like the same thing
but I think it is almost impossible
The weather getting quite cold, have
seen a great many porpoises,
but have not caught any as yet.

Longitude 49.20 W
Latitude 37.00 S

Wednesday December 21
Strong gales
from the N.E. during the day
very unpleasant weather, raining
and squalls, thick but
porpoises but got only one that
was a good deal of fun when we
got him on board a number
of the sailors given hands never
seen one before

Longitude 51.45 W
Latitude 39.50 S