

1843
Jan Journal of Ship William Thompson

Monday January 9 - 1843

Cloody rainy
Stormy and unpleasant weather
as usual the wind is blowing gales
from N.W. by this time I should think
it had blowing all the wind out of
the Pacific, but we must wait and
turn. Nothing to do but read and
listen to Mr. Valon's games, whom
I must say tells games to perfection.
Every day he kills some young
Herm Whales, but it is very
light work when you can do
it sitting by a good fire. He asked
me to day if I ever danced them
are quantities in New York.

Latitude 57° 26' S
Longitude 72° 00' W

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Heavy squalls
from the westward, heavy swell
rain and hail, all hands crop
and wet and what is worst
no dry clothes to put on so much
for Cape Horn. The Monkey is as
well as can be expected he is
getting snarled the effects of
the storm no doubt I must
stop for I am completely run
out must make out a days
work.

Longitude 73° 00' W
Latitude 57° 40' S

Wednesday Jan 11

Squalls and
light breezes between, the late
gale seems quite broken up
starting N.W. sailing about
four knots, it seems a general
clear up, every body is as busy
as three day without washing
can make them, all hands

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well, but much doing at present
piece of work laid out to be done
when we get round the Horn. I
we ever do
Longitude 73° 00' W
Latitude 56° 28' S

Thursday Jan 12

Strong gales
from the westward, heavy swell
squalls and rain throughout
the day, heading N.W. sailing
about three knots, some had
snow storms, all hands on
duty, two of the Boardsterners are
off duty one with a sore finger
the other with a lung complaint.
Bernick getting better every day.

Longitude 74° 00' W
Latitude 56° 40' S

Friday Jan 13

Strong gales
from S & S.W. hope it will last
some time and get out of
this horrid place, weather
squally and snow storms
every hour, at 6 P.M. wind began
to haul to the West and at
noon we are heading to the N
Plenty of work for all hands,
repairing and setting sail, all
the time during the day, the
Victor as fat as ever and as
good tempered, catching whales
by the fire as usual.

Longitude 75° 52' W
Latitude 55° 37' S

Saturday Jan 14

Gales of wind
from N.W. heading S.W. by S
sailing five knots at three
P.M. Tacked and steered N.W.
came up during the day to
West N. West long sail that
can be safely set is now