

Remarks on board Bark Georgian cruising for sperm

1846 Friday Jan 16th Commenced strong gales from the NW heading by the wind at 1 PM hauled to the wind at 2 PM more ship to the E and set close reefed main topsail above the starboard boat in wearing Middle part the same latter part more moderate set fore sail and fore topsail close reefed so ends this day
Lat 40° 25' S Long 48° 12' W

Saturday Jan 17th Commenced fresh gales from the NW heading by the wind at 1 PM hauled to the NW at 2 PM took in fore sail and hauler and great quantities of help Middle part the same saw big shoal of Sperm under short sail latter part at 9 PM more moderate set fore sail so ends this day
Lat 39° 34' S Long 48° 11' W

Sunday Jan 18th comes in with strong breezes from the NW heading by the wind at 6 PM were ship to the NW at 1 PM set fore sail and hauler and hauler and shook one reef out of the topsails Middle part wind steering course W S W latter part wind SE saw Grampuses so ends this day
Lat 39° 42' S Long 48° 48' W

Monday Jan 19th comes in with strong breezes from S steering course W S W at 1 PM took in fish and main sail at 3 PM caught a Porpoise sun down took in fore sail and hauled to the wind S S W Middle part squally latter part fine saw several Sunfish at 8 AM passed through green water sounded with 30 fathoms line got no bottom so ends this day
Lat 40° 31' S Long 49° 28' W

Tuesday Jan 20th comes in with moderate breezes and a day wind from the SE heading by the wind S S W saw nothing worth remarking Middle part calm latter part the same so ends this day
Lat 40° 40' S Long

Wednesday Jan 21st comes in with calms and fine pilot and weather saw several shark Middle part calm latter part wind from a steering S S E saw plenty Porpoises all hands employed in looking out the main hatchway for water but no more so ends this day
Lat 40° 46' S Long 49° 22' W
by Lunar Obs 49° 36' W

Whales in South Atlantic Ocean John Gooding Master

Thursday Jan 22nd commenced moderate breezes from the NW heading by the wind at 2 PM hauled to the wind at 4 PM sun down shortened sail as usual Middle part fine latter part saw plenty porpoises and saw one seal so ends this day
Lat 39° 46' S Long 49° 30' W by Lunar Obs 49° 00' W

Friday Jan 23rd commenced moderate breezes from the NW heading by the wind at 2 PM spoke big Chittaportett of Chittaportett 280 lbs 19 months out Middle and latter part calm saw whales scarce and several shoal of Porpoises so ends this day employed in ships duty
Lat 39° 54' S Long 49° 25' W

Saturday Jan 24th commenced calms several shoal of Porpoises and one of Grampuses in sight at 2 PM light wind from the SE heading by the wind SE sun down shortened sail Middle and latter part strong breezes from NW heading at 3 PM so ends this day employed in repairing sails
Lat 40° 11' S Long 48° 21' W

Sunday Jan 25th comes in with strong breezes from the NW heading by the wind at 3 PM saw Grampuses and porpoises and one ship steering NW at sun down shortened sail Middle part fine latter part saw Grampuses and Porpoises so ends this day
Lat 40° 56' S Long 49° 30' W

Monday Jan 26th comes in with strong breezes from the NW heading at 3 PM saw Grampuses and porpoises and one seal Middle part under short sail latter part the same with light winds saw plenty porpoises and Grampuses so ends this day
Lat 41° 30' S Long 50° 46' W

Tuesday Jan 27th comes in with moderate breezes from the NW heading at 3 PM saw Grampuses Middle part calm latter part strong breezes from the NW steering course S S W saw Grampuses and porpoises so ends this day
Lat 41° 44' S Long 51° 56' W

Wednesday Jan 28th comes in with moderate breezes from the NW heading at 3 PM set sun down shortened sail and kept her off S Middle part strong breezes latter part the same at 8 AM hauled to the wind NW wind from NW
Lat 42° 39' S Long 52° 17' W