

Ship Abigail Cruising

Saturday Jan the 26th 1849
Eight brades at 12 m & St Augustine
Bearing E & S Dist 16 miles 5:36 175:53
all of these 24 hours light & baffling
lower part the wind & some the
westward steering at the other
Ship in sight Lat 5:55 long 175:31

Sunday the 27th
light & baffling, wind & rain
the ship going to get to
the Northward of the Alpha
Ship in sight

Monday the 28th
first part light wind & calm
butter part a fine breeze
from the Northward steering
to the N.W. at 10 a.m.
the Alpha went out of
sight 3 points to the N.W.
Watch of the ship

Tuesday the 29th
fine weather the wind from
the Northward at 6 p.m. started
Ship to the N.E. by E saw low
fish 3:40 174:25

Wednesday the 30th
first part fine weather
at 11 a.m. were 12 miles to the
N.W. by 10 winds N or E at 11 a.m.
saw spouts from the ship being 2 greatly
we saw no more of it Lat 3:23

On the Line Ground

Thursday the 31st of Jan 1849
Strong brades
at 6 a.m. were Ship to the
N.W. at 4 a.m. to the S.W.
the wind shifted to S.E. at 8 a.m.
saw a Ship & Point off the
weather bow and in a few
minutes more saw a Boat in
the same direction which
proved to be a whale going to
the W. & W. we saw no more
so we concluded that it was
a lone whale the other ship
put off for us we then lowered the
S & W Boat the S Boat
went along side of him and
started the whale rolled at the
same time the S Boat struck
the whale & glided off and
did not go in. While we was off they
saw more whales from the
Ship the Capt & S Boat were lowered
and chased while the W & S afterwards
was a fine one we turned back
the W & S Ship's Boats got down
when we was we chased while
but there was so much crowding that
we could not get on we then
made we all went on board of our
Ship at 4 p.m. the S Boat lowered
again and chased until sundown
there was a whale came close to the
other ship the Capt lowered and
struck about dark we all
turned on got him turned up
& took him to our Ship at 9 p.m.
and set the watch and got
ready for cutting at daylight
got 6 3/4 barrels & 1 barrel
of cutting 3:42 172:50
S E

