

James M. Ritchie his Log Book

Journal for the Bark Hector

August 4th fair wind and light breeze outward bound
 Now we run with the wind North East steering
 South South East And in the afternoon hauled
 to gallantails closed reefed the main and fore
 topsails with the wind blowing very fresh

August 5th in the morning the wind still North East
 blowing very hard steering South by East with
 a fresh Breeze clear and pleasant at 8 o'clock in the
 morning laced the starboard watch and made
 sails At 12 o'clock Calm then pleasant at 3 o'clock
 raised a spout of a fin back whale

August 6th Fair wind in the morning blowing a good
 Breeze from South West fair and pleasant in
 the fore noon in the afternoon squally and
 rain on the edge of the gulf All that night
 calm with rain and head winds

August 7th Sunday morning squally and rain with heavy
 winds at 3 o'clock in the afternoon cleared of with
 wind still ahead blowing South East saw one
 school of Grampuses and a boat in sight to the
 windward of us about 2 miles off on

August 8th Monday morning squally and rain with the
 winds blowing fair for us wind West South
 West steered South East saw 2 schools of
 porpoises and a sail to windward of us
 10 o'clock cleared off fine and pleasant with
 a calm

August 9th Tuesday morning pleasant and fine with light
 breezes steering South and by East in the gulf
 stream raised some grampuses and two miles
 in sight one to the windward one to the leeward of us

August 10th Wednesday morning fair and fine with light
 breeze from the westward steering South South
 East at 1 o'clock in the forenoon raised a school
 of Black fish and lowered the boats but
 did not pester to them

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