

Journal for the Barque Hector

Sept 15 1842 Saturday morning fair and fine with a light breeze with the ship hove to. All hands busy cutting in a whale in the afternoon set the try works under way.

Sept 18 Sunday morning fair and fine with all hands busy trying out the oil in the afternoon took in sail and hove the ship to.

Sept 19 Monday morning fair and fine with a light breeze from the north east and we finished trying out and cleaned up decks and made sail steering South by East and caught 10 or twelve large Alecores.

Sept 20 Tuesday morning fair and fine with a light breeze from the north east with a heavy swell rolling in the afternoon set away calm with land in sight and standing boat crews watches.

Sept 21 Wednesday morning fair and fine with a light breeze close to Saint Lucia one of the Cape Verde Islands and in the morning sailed between two small islands and then we steered for the Strait of Niclos in the afternoon raised a school of black fish and lowered the boat and chased them closed under the land but did not fasten about 3 o'clock kept off for the bravos one of the Cape Verde Islands and in the night took in sail and hove the ship to till morning and then made sail.