

Journal for the Barque Hector

- October 5th 1842. Wednesday morning fair and fine with a light breeze from the east. Steering west along the coast of Africa working in the riggin watch and watch in the afternoon raised a school of porpoises.
- October 6th Thursday morning fair and fine with a light breeze from the south. Close on the line cruising along the African coast for whales and standing watch and watch the starboard watch busy tarring down the riggin.
- October 7th Friday morning fair and fine with light breeze from the south. Close on the line steering south east. All hands busy setting up riggin and tarring down the same time.
- October 8th Saturday morning fair and fine with the wind blowing the same from the south. Ahead makes the watch busy making on riggin the starboard watch below.
- October 9th Sunday morning fair and fine with the wind still blowing ahead from the south. On the line we are beaten to the wind in the evening windy and squally with rain.
- October 10th Monday morning squally and raining with the wind ahead. We are beaten to the wind in the afternoon we raised a sail to the lower of us.
- October 11th Tuesday morning fair with a strong breeze from the south. Steering south west by south for now. Late in the afternoon we blew up fresh and fresh all night.

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- October 12th 1842. Wednesday morning the wind blowing strong from the south and east. We are steering south west by south. The wind blows fresh and we took in the main and fore top gallant sails and the gaff top sails in the afternoon we raised a sail to the main of us much run down and got the longitude they was 30 miles out of the way. we did not speak her she was english barque.
- October 13th Thursday morning fair with a strong breeze from the south. we are steering south west. the south of the line 11 o'clock in the forenoon we raised a sail to our fore bow we passed her but did not speak her.
- October 14th Friday morning very windy and squally from the south and east steering south west for the sperm whale. In the afternoon we raised a sail right ahead steering the same course that we are.
- October 15th Saturday morning fair and fine with the wind blowing the same steering south west all hands busy tarring down the riggin.
- October 16th Sunday morning fair and pleasant with the wind blowing a fine breeze from the south and east and we steering south west for the whales. In the afternoon we took in the top mast studding sail and in the evening set again the wind blowing pretty fresh.