

Ship Henry Knudsen Sept 5th 1858

All this week has passed off and seen nothing to change the seen working, to the south as fast as the winds will let us they have been from the South and South west for the last three weeks consequently we have got well to the Eastward as far as the Longitude of 10-32 W. and Latitude of 10-52 Miles N. at this date the wind is to South by compass ship heading S W by W. and N S W. with the Starboard tack aboard with a fair prospect of getting the S E. Trade wind. All August we have had the winds from N W. to South by Round the western board up to date our Employment has been fitting rigging painting Boats and fitting them, fitting cutting gear mending sails and mending stiches them Coopering provision making spuncarn painting the Iron work & left fore and aft painting ship Outside and in in places &c

Sunday September 12th 1858

All This week has passed off and nothing seen in the shape of Sperm Whales one or two finbacks some porpoises and a shoal of Blackfish which we lowered for without success with the exception of this and getting the Blacksmiths forge under way we have had the same old routine of ship's Duty a little painting & little carpentering Coopering Blacksmithing fitting rigging &c. A week to day we crossed the equator in Long. of 11-10 W. since then we have had strong Trades from S E veering to S. and never to the East of S E with thick hazy weather but no rain up to this date and Latitude 9-44 S

16 Days from home

Long

20-00 W

Ship Henry Knudsen Sept 19th 1858

Sunday

Another week has passed and nothing transpired to break the usual monotony of the general routine of ship's Duty without a sight of the Island of Trinidad we tried that to see how our Chronometers agreed and take our Departure for the River de la Plata, found they were all nearly correct differing only 11 miles from the land we have seen one ship and finback Whale this week. had strong S E and S S E Windy with squally weather until yesterday was light and nearly calm with clear weather Our employment this week has been painting the starboard overboard boat putting up some Iron futtock shrouds to all three masts and making some bands for the Catheads to hold the fore tack down to. The Carpenter has been making some fairleads for the rigging for and aft mast jaws for the spritsail jared fitting buntlin blocks &c setting up rigging putting on leathers on the fore top and Staggaland Backstays and other small work to numerous to mention finish out the week

Latitude Last Night 20-35 S
Long 29-33 W

Made this week 651 of Southing
And 578 of Westing
As per difference of Latitude and Longitude
Course S W by S. Course
P.S.

Only three or four Birds seen and no fish seen since crossing the line and but little or no current