

Outward Bound in 1843

Saturday Sept 30th

First Part of the 24 hours strong wind from the NW and squally with fine rain, occasionally one ship in sight steering to the Eastward middle part squally latter part moderate weather felt studding sails so ends this day men employed in ships duty
Lat 37° 22' South
Lon by Chronometer 4° 22' East

Sunday Oct 1st

First Part of the 24 hours light wind and pleasant weather steering SE & two points variation middle part light air from the Westward and a heavy sea latter part moderate wind from the NW and cloudy weather saw several fin back whales but no right whales so ends this day
Lat 37° 18' South
Lon by Account 6° 20' East

Monday Oct 2nd

These 24 hours commences with strong winds from the NW and cloudy weather middle part the same latter part rainey and thick weather steering SE & so ends this day nothing in sight
Lat 37° 08' South
Lon by Chronometer 10° 32' East

Tuesday Oct 3rd

First Part of these 24 hours commences with strong winds from the NW and cloudy weather saw one fin back whale one sail in sight steering to the Eastward middle part moderate weather cloudy with squalls of fine rain saw a number of fin back whales so ends this day steering SE & so
Lat 36° 57' South
Lon 13° 45' East

Towards the Indian Channel 1843

Wednesday Oct 4th

First and middle parts of these 24 hours strong winds from the NW and cloudy weather steering SE & saw several fin back whales latter part wind West steering SE took in studding sails steering in squalls with fine rain so ends this 24 hours men employed in ships duty
Lat 36° 45' South
Lon by Chronometer 18° 08' East

Thursday Oct 5th

These 24 hours commences with strong winds from the Westward steering SE took in the fore topgallant sail and mainsail took the West boat in on Deck middle part fresh gales and heavy sea latter part moderate latter the studding sails steering SE saw several fin back whales but no right whales so ends this day
Lat 37° 20' South
Lon by Chronometer 21° 24' East

Friday Oct 6th

First part of these 24 hours moderate winds from the NW and a heavy sea steering SE by compass 2 points variation saw a number of fin back whales the West boat on Deck at 6 P.M. took in the fore topmast studding sail and fore topgallant sail and double reefed the fore topsail middle part heavy winds from the NW took in the main topgallant sail and doubled reefed the main topsail latter part heavy gale of wind furlled the fore topsail and closed reefed the main at 9 A.M. however the sea being too heavy to run so ends this day laying too under a close reefed topsail and main spinnaker having squalls of rain and wind
No observation
Lat by Account 37° 50' South
Lon by Account 24° 00' East