

Remarks on Board of Ship Bowditch, Bound to the

Tuesday December the 25th 1868

Commences with fresh gales from the N.W. Ship with all prudent sail set steering S.E. at 1 P.M. began to rain at 4 P.M. hauled to the Westward and the Weather cleared up. Set the fore and Mizzen top gallant sails, at 12 M. N. wind from the S.W. and moderate, set jib & flying jib & main course and fore top mast Studding sail, at 6 A.M. heeled up sharp and took in the Studding sail, leading S.E. by E. with 4 light breezes from the S.S.W. and fine Weather, at 7 A.M. took in the Mast boat to repair, and at 12 M. put her on the Grains again. Saw several fin backs through the Fog and a great many birds. Ends calm & pleasant
Lat by Obs 36.07 South. Long by Chron 2.24 West

Wednesday Dec^r the 26th

the first part of these 24 hours calm & pleasant Weather the Mate employed with various jobs about the Ship at 6 P.M. a light air sprang up from the Eastward, turned the yards heading to the S.S.E. with all sail set at 10 P.M. increasing breezes from the N.E. kept the Ship S.E. and set the fore top mast Studding sail, at 3 A.M. squally appearances took in the Studding sail and flying jib, and at 4 A.M. furlled the fore & Mizzen top gallant sails, at 6 A.M. furlled the main top gallant sail, from 6 to 12 M. strong gales from the N.E. attended with rain and rugged Weather
Lat by Lat 37.10 Long by Lat 20.55 West

Thursday Dec^r the 27th

Commences with strong gales from the N.E. attended with rarely rugged Weather the Ship with whole top sails, jib & courses set, steering S.E. at 3 P.M. the wind hauled to the North and the Weather clear, and set the main top gallant sail, at 6 the wind veered to the N.N.W. same time furlled the jib, at 10 increasing gales from the N.W. and furlled the main top gallant sail and single reefed the Mizzen top sail, at 5 A.M. more moderate set the main top gallant sail, & let the reef out of the main top sail, Ends with a fresh gale and rugged Weather
Lat by Obs 39.07 Long by Chron 17.14

Indian Ocean & Japan Sea Nelson Malden Master

Friday December the 28th 1868

Commences with a fresh gale from the N.W. with clear rugged Weather. Ship with all prudent sail set steering S.E. by E. at 6 P.M. the wind from the W.N.W. and moderating, set the fore and Mizzen top gallant sails & fore top mast Studding sail the middle part light breezes and veering to the Northward at 4 A.M. a light air from the N.E. attended with thick directly weather, the latter part inclining to a calm and thick Weather with a large swell from the Westward

Saturday Dec^r the 29th

the first part of these 24 hours, light air from the N.E. the Weather thick and a large swell from the Westward Ship with all sail set steering S.E. by E. at 2 P.M. the wind hauled to the W.N.W. and the Weather clear at 4 P.M. saw four Right Whales, lowered four boats and chased them without success, rugged Weather and the Whales shy, at 6 P.M. took up the boats & kept off S.E. the middle part fresh gales from the S.W. and cloudy at 4 A.M. squally appearances & furlled the fore and Mizzen top gallant sails, & at 11 set them again, the wind moderating
Lat by Obs 40.16 South Longitude by Chron 12.16 West

Sunday December the 30th

Commences with a brisk breeze from the S.S.W. & rugged Weather Ship with all sail set steering S.E. at 2 P.M. saw two Right Whales going quick to the Westward, lowered four boats for them without success, the middle part light breeze from the Northward, the latter part a brisk and some cloudy a great quantity of birds in sight but no Whales
Lat by Obs 40.16 South Long by Chron 10.08 West

Monday December the 31st 1868

Commences with fresh breezes from the North and the Weather fair, Ship with all sail set steering S.E. at 1 P.M. saw Gough's Island bearing per Compass S.E. Dist 9 leagues ran down for the Island with the intention of fishing but it being near sight gave it up and kept on our course, at 7 P.M. a great many Porpoises around the Ship, and caught three of them, about 3 gallons of Oil at 9 P.M. cleared the Island and kept the Ship East, at 10 increasing gales from the North & furlled the top gallant sail, at 1 A.M. single reefed the Mizzen top sail at 4 A.M. the wind veered to the N.W. same time double reefed the fore & Mizzen top sails, at 9 double reefed the main top sail, at 10 gale increasing, furlled the jib & main sail, & tried the pump but found no water in the Ship at 12 M. blowing a heavy gale from the N.W. with a turbulent sea close reefed the fore top sail & furlled the Mizzen top sail and secured the boats on the upper Grains. Thus Ends the Year 1868
Lat by Lat 31.55 South Long by Lat 6.10 West