

Barth Bruce Cruising of the E of Madagascar

Monday December 4 begins with moderate breezes from S.E. & steered N.W. by N till 1 P.M. luffed to the heading S.W. at 6 P.M. tacked ship heading E took in the main topgallant sail Madagascar in sight bearing about N.N.W. middle part calm last part like breeze from S.E. made all sail at 9 A.M. saw sprouts and white water but did not find out what it was so ends

Tuesday December 5 begins fine and calm at 4 P.M. moderate breezes from S.E. heading E.N.E. by the wind at sunset took in the fore top sail at 9 the wind haled tacked heading S at day light set the fore top sail at 11 A.M. took in the fore top sail bearing squally so ends

Wednesday December 6 begins squally at 1 P.M. double reefed the top sails took in fore and spanker at sunset faked the main sail set the main spanker strong breezes from E heading S.S.E. middle part rainy and squally last part strong gales from N.N.E. steered by that wind heading E.S.E. so ends

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Thursday December 7 begins with strong breezes from N.N.E. heading E by the wind under double reefed top sails and courses main spanker middle part rainy and strong gales from E heading S.S.E. at 2 A.M. bore ship heading N.E. so ends

Friday December 8 begins squally and rainy with strong gales from E.S.E. heading N.E. by N at 2 P.M. wore ship heading S middle part strong gales at 10 P.M. took the things out of the starboard boat at 9 A.M. faked the fore top sail and turned up the starboard boat last part it moderated set the fore top sail double reefed so ends

Saturday December 9 begins rainy with strong breezes from S.E. heading E by the wind see white water tack and stood for it saw nothing at 2 P.M. tacked again and shook the reef out set fore and spanker at 3 set the main topgallant sail at 6 took it in and set sea watches for the night and turned the starboard boat back at 9 P.M. set all sail strong breezes at 4 A.M. took in the fore topgallant sail last part squally at 10 A.M. haled fore top sail took in main topgallant and stood down top sails at half past 10 set them again so ends