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Bruce Cruising off Make Banks

Friday 8 commences with strong breezes from S.E. heading E by N under topsails and fore sail at sunset double reefed the top sail and took the west boat up on the upper cranes and part squally last part cloudy the watch employed turning up the main rigging

got a panfish lat 44° 32' S long 57° 28' E

Saturday 9 commences cloudy with strong breezes from S.E. heading E by N at sunset double reefed the topsails took in fore spanker and last part squally ~~set~~ the topsails the watch employed fitting the main rigging so on lat 44° 15' S

Sunday 10 commences squally with strong breezes from S heading ESE at 8 P.M. reefed the topsails at 4 P.M. took in fore and spanker being squally at 8 P.M. took in the fore topsails were ship heading W at 10 P.M. were square heading ESE at day light set the fore topsails double reefed fore and spanker at 10 into set whole topsails secured with special force lat 44° 08' S long 53° 18' E

Monday 11 commences with squally weather and strong breezes from S heading ESE at sunset took in the fore topsails double reefed the main took in fore spanker and last part squally at daylight set the fore topsails main sail fore and spanker broke out the hatch for water so on lat 44° 00' S long 53° 48' E

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Tuesday 12 commences very squally with moderate breezes from S heading ESE at sunset forested the fore topsails and main sail and last part squally at 5 P.M. took in the fore topsails at 2 were ship heading ESE last part the same set the main sail so after dark so on lat 43° 18' S long 54° 29' E

Wednesday 13 commences squally with strong breezes from S heading ESE at 8 P.M. set fore and spanker at sunset then the main sail fore spanker at half past 8 P.M. took in the fore topsails and were ship heading W by N at half past 2 P.M. were ship other ESE last part fine with moderate breezes under all sail so on lat 43° 00' S long 55° 24' E

Thursday 14 commences fine with moderate breezes from S heading ESE on land the fore topsails on land another so after dark at sunset shortened the light middle part fore at 12 taken to the S.E. at 5 were ship again to ESE at day light moderate breeze the watch employed mending the fore topsails so on lat 42° 00' S long 56° 00' E

Friday 15 commences squally with light breezes from S heading ESE the watch mending sails at sunset took in sails for the light middle part fore last part squally cleared all sail except the fore topsails and