

18. Bruce Cruising off Cape Horn 1849

Saturday 28 commences with fair weather and moderate breezes from N.W. heading N by E under all sail so several finbacks and sulphurbottoms midline and last part fine with light breezes so several sulphurbottoms so ends lat 35.15 N long 76.12 E

Sunday 29 commences with fair weather and light breezes from N.W. heading N by E by the wind so sulphurbottoms at sunset took in the light sails double reefed the topsails took in jib at 8.30 to shake the rove out of the topsails were ship to the N.W. at 2.4.16 were round to N by E at daylight set them at 8.30 and the topsails at 9 shook them out again lat 37.00 N long 76.43 E

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Monday the first commences fine with a cloudy forenoon and moderate breezes from N.W. heading N by E at sunset backed ship to the S.W. midline and last part fair weather at 9.4.16 so backed to the windward made all sail at 1.1.16 and backed to the N.W. at 1.1.16 to the S.W. so ends

Tuesday 2 commences with clear weather with moderate breezes from N.W. heading N by E under all sail at sunset took in the light sails and jib midline part fine at 2.4.16 were ship to N.W. at 3.4.16 so a dead whale to the windward stood along till 5.4.16 were round S.W. at 8 so the dead whale ran of him loosed about 1000 to him found that he was spout came aboard and lifted to heading N by E so ends

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Wednesday 3 commences with clear weather and light breezes from N.W. were round to S.W. under all sail so backs to the windward midline and last part fine at 2.4.16 backed to North at 5.4.16 backed to S.W. so several sulphurbottoms so ends lat 38.15 N long 75.12 E

Thursday 4 commences fine with light breezes from N.W. heading S.W. under all sail so several sulphurbottoms midline part squally last part the same so finbacks chasing by the wind heading N by E so ends

Friday 5 commences with squally weather with light breezes from N.W. heading N by E so several finbacks midline part for the night were ship to the S.W. at 1.1.16 part 4.4.16 were round heading N.W. by N made all sail fine weather so ends

Saturday 6 commences fine with light breezes from N.W. heading N by E so several finbacks at sunset took in the light sails double reefed the topsails midline part cloudy at 6.4.16 were ship to S.W. at 8.4.16 were round heading N by E last part the same under all sails and waves so ends lat 37.25 N long 76.04 E

Sunday 7 commences cloudy with moderate breezes from N.W. heading N by E by the wind so finbacks at sunset double reefed the topsails were ship to the S.W. midline and last part fine at 9.4.16 split her of E set whale topside so ends lat 37.20 N long 76.51 E