

62 *Bruce* Cruising off Aldabra Island
 Thursday 2 compasses fine with strong
 breezes from S & E steering S by E and
 under reefed topsails coarser middle & last
 squally at 4 AM took in the fore
 topsail there being a heavy sea on
 so ends. Lat 9.26 S long 48.26 E

Friday 3 compasses with strong breeze
 & squally weather under reefed
 topsails coarser heading S by W the wind
 from S & E at sunset took in the fore
 topsail. Main sail struck and got on
 middle & last strong winds from S & E
 at 8 AM ship S & E at 4 were running
 by S by W at daylight steered W set whole
 main topsail, cable reefed fore & main
 so ends.

Saturday 4 compasses fine with strong
 breezes from S & E steering W set the
 main topsail and whole topsail
 sunset took in fore the night
 being the fairest yet and light to
 the wind to E by S middle & last
 the same at daylight made sail & steered
 W struck and got a fair pair so ends
 Lat 9.09 S long 48 45



Aldabra

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Sunday 5 compasses fine with strong
 breezes from S & E steering W at 1 PM
 so the Island of Aldabra bearing E & S
 distance 8 miles middle & last
 the same the wind from S & E heading
 to the windward under all sail Aldabra
 bearing E by S dist 18 miles so ends

Monday 6 compasses fine with moderate
 breezes from S & E steering to the
 windward under all sail Aldabra bearing E & S
 to dist 12 miles at sunset took in the fore
 topsail middle & last the same at
 11 AM sea breeze whole and laced the
 sailing quick to the windward so ends

Tuesday 7 compasses fine with moderate
 breezes from S & E working to the windward
 at 2 PM close spinnaker whole at 4 PM toward
 the back at 5 the barbed stuck and drove
 Aldabra Island in sight bearing E by S
 distance 20 miles middle & last steering by E
 heading E by S at daylight were ship to
 S by W so breezes to the windward so ends
 Lat 9 07 S long 48

Wednesday the 8 compasses with strong winds from
 S & E heading S by W Aldabra Island bearing
 South at sunset took in sail. Steering by the
 wind ship S by E at 8 AM made sail and
 steered N so ends at 8.26 S long 48.55 E