

Remarks on board ship Daniel Wood 1852.
December

Thursday 30th Light breezes from the south heading by to the Eastward. Lat 39.53

Friday 31. Light baffling winds and pleasant weather heading by the wind on clipper tacks. All hands employed in fitting the boats.

January

Saturday 1st Light breezes from the S.E. steering by to the S.S.W. employed in fitting the boats. Lat 32.33 S

Sunday 2nd commenced with light winds 31.08 from the S. heading by on diff tacks. 46.10 A.M. wind S.W. steering S.E. by S. employed in fitting the boats.

Monday 3rd Light winds and baffling heading by on diff tacks. employed in the rigging. 31.08 42.30

Tuesday 4th Commences with light winds from 30.44 the S.W. course S.E. by S. Biddle calm. 42.00 latter light winds from the S. steering by on diff tacks.

Wednesday 5th commenced with light winds 30.20 from the S. steering by the wind. P.M. 41.25 set up the fore topmast and topgallant stays. fore rigging and back stay.

Thursday 6th commences with light winds 30.12 from the S. steering by the wind. 39.24 employed in the main rigging. A.M. broke out the fore side between decks. 2 sails in sight. Lat 30.12

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Friday 7th commenced with light southerly 29.42 winds steering by on diff tacks. employed in ships duty. A.M. breaking out between decks in the after hatches. at 11 raised a school of sperm whales on the weather bow going to windward fast. 1 sail in sight.

Saturday 8th Light southerly winds steering 29.08 by on diff tacks chasing whales. A.M. 39.28 employed in ships duty.

Sunday 9th commenced as above steering 28.36 by on diff tacks. 4 P.M. set up the bowsprit shrouds. 11 A.M. raised a school of sperm whales on the weather bow. at 1 P.M. lowered these boats but did not strike.

Monday 10th Light winds from S.S.W. steering by to the S.E. A.M. employed in fitting the cutting spindants. 27.41

Tuesday 11th commences with light winds from 26.14 the south steering by the wind. got up the cutting spindants. A.M. broke out the fore hole for water.

Wednesday 12th commences with light winds 25.40 with rain squalls from the south. stowed the starboard anchor. A.M. employed in the fore topmast rigging and stowed the other anchor.

Thursday 13th commences with light winds 24.08 from the Eastward course S.S.E. latter five breezes with rain squalls.