

Ship patrol Outward Bound 1853
Monday 23rd Oct 1853

23rd Fine, with light wind at N to NW round by N & W all sail set, ship sails dull in light winds, thoughts of home & friends, Middle part fine, latter do wind E to SE

Tuesday 24th Lat 28.12 No obs

24th Most wind SE, Rainy low S by W & W all sail set fitting ship to B Baskets in sight, some sick Middle part squally latter part the same Lat 28.40

Wednesday 25th Long 30.07

25th Most strong trades of evening S, Deeps in top sails Middle part the same latter part all sail Lat 22.41

Thursday 26th Long 28.25

26th Fine strong trades low S by E all sail set Middle part fine light winds latter part strong gales Lat 19.47

Friday 27th Long 28.23

27th Fine wind E low S by E all sail set, Middle part strong gales latter do Lat 16.23

Saturday 28th Long 27.49

28th Strong trades at E, N, E low S all sail set Middle part fine, latter do strong trades Lat 13.00 Long 28.37

Sunday 29th Lat 13.00 Long 28.37

29th Fine wind E to SE to SE low S & E all sail set fitting to Middle part fine, latter do double reefed latter do wind puffing from E to SE heading from S to W SE W Rainy & squally No obs

Monday 31st No obs

31st Fine wind E SE to SE heading S to W Rainy & squally, at one wind E SE low S, cleared down in a heavy squall Middle part rained all night with steady wind at E SE at 6 a squall from the NW at 8 wind SE smart breeze, so continues at 11 sail from the SE No obs Lat 8.00

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Tuesday 1st Nov 1853

1st Commences with light winds at E low S all sail set, Rainy, steady breeze, at 8 wind SE, came near drowning upon a coral reef, a narrow escape, Had a very pleasant time this afternoon, I had to flog a man, for a case, from the cause, Middle part Rainy, latter part fine, wind light & variable from E SE to SE, fitting ship, Lat 7.29

Wednesday 2nd Long Mean 6.21

2nd Light winds from E SE to SE heading on the West tack, fitting & setting top head rigging, 3 sail in sight, Chron differ to day 11 miles, Middle part fine wind SE to SE latter part cleared S about 2 hours wind E to E did away calm, light air from S fitting ship

Thursday 3rd Lat 6.37 Long 29.00

3rd Light air & calm heading W, all sail set fitting rigging to, tacked to the SE calm at 4 faint air from the N, 3 sails in sight cloudy, Middle part fine, heading SW latter part fresh gales, at 11 a hard squall from the SE

Friday 4th

4th 1 month out, Rainy, wind all around the compass, Rain Rain, Lying cleared down at 11 hard squalls from the E, at daylight set double reefed top sails & jibe, latter part strong gales from SE to S heading on the West very dugged Chron differ 13 Lat 5.11

Saturday 5th Long Mean 7.22

5th Strong gales from S by E, made all sail, at 4 tacked to the E SE, 2 sail in sight, some sick dear sweet girl, thing do not work to suit me sweet wife I wish that you were with me here at 8 tacked to the SW, squally latter part fresh gales from SE res. dugged sail in sight heavy squall from SE Chron differ 14 miles

Sat 4, 04 Long Mean 28.46