

Ship Henry Knelland off the Rio de la Plata

This week commenced with fine weather but did not last long wind from ENE to SE and blew a gale from the latter quarter ship drove to under close reefed main topsail and storm sail
Wednesday morning the gale broke with wind SE S.W. Made sail and stood to the West
Saw finback whales and white whale Birds very plentiful Saturday 9th

the last three days it has been fine clear weather seen plenty of Finback whales and most of the time plenty of Birds to day saw some kelp water very green steering W by the wind wind N.W. at 4 P.M. saw two white whales the first we have seen Lowered but without success at 5 1/2 came on board and stood on to the West the whales was working to the westward
123 Days from home Lat 39.04 S Long 52.33 W

October 16th

The past ten days has passed off with no whales yet of the right sort but many quantity of Finback whales seals and Birds we have been from 40.50 S to 37.19 S. and Longitude 52.33 W to 53.18 W. With first rate weather the most of the time two days heavy SE gale the rest of the time hadly wind & enough to get round the 16th spoke the ship Harrison of New Bedford Capt. Dennis Month out clear he is going to the south and we have concluded to go to our employment the last 10 days has been the usual Ships Duty that some sea hens had caught some Gharret
So Ends to the 19th

October 6th

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Saturday 23th

Another week has gone and seen no Whales of the right kind but in very quantity of Finback whales and Birds of all kinds in great we have seen but one ship the Harrison in three weeks she parted company day before yesterday and since clear weather the most of the time a little fog that we have to twice the wind mostly shifted one day southerly wind this week we have run over the ground from Lat 37.47 S. Long 52.18 to Lat 41.58 S. Long 57.41 W. & made of Long 4.23 Miles of Longitude and 3.54 of Latitude we are now bound in shore off St. Matthias Bay Bay hinuway or New Bay to see if they are true

130 Days from New Bedford

Sunday 24th

First of this day fresh Breeze from the North steering W by N with all sail out bound on to New Bay at 6 P.M. Double reefed the topsails Middle and later part the same

Monday 25th

First of this day strong NNE wind and hazy weather steering W by S with all sail set at 3 1/2 P.M. wind freshened. hauled the flyjib and Misson topgalant sail at 4 hauled the fore and Main at 4 1/2 hauled got Bottom in 45 fathoms. Point Pinfas Bearing W 90 Miles at 7 P.M. Double reefed the topsails at 4 A.M. saw Point Pinfas and stood in to the Bay of Saovar or New Bay it got the anchors off the Bow and bent the chains weather good and wind light from the North sent a Boat to look for water