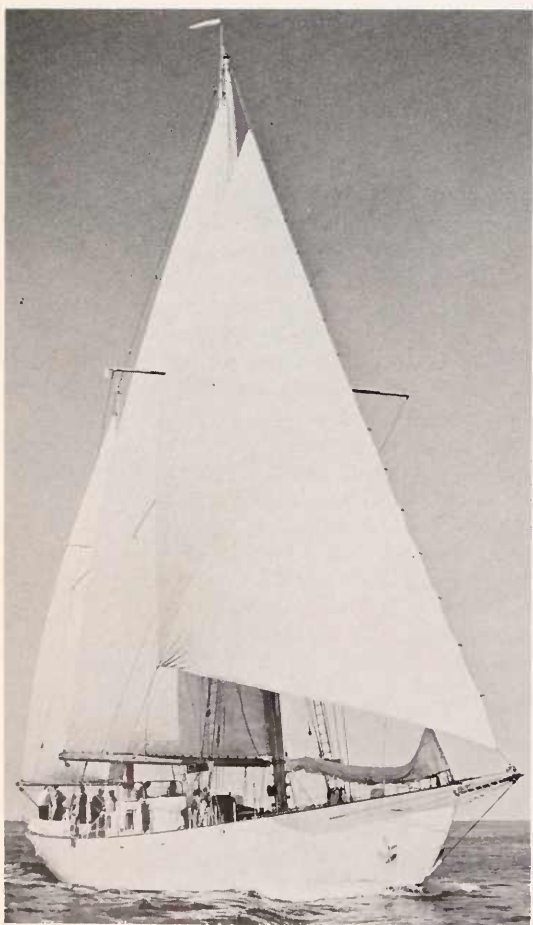




Excerpts of the log of Aries cruise



Photos by the Editor

10 March: 0230 Wind shifted to West. 0240 Jibed to Port Tack. 0445 C/C to trim. 0458 Resumed base course. (Wind NW at 24 Kts.) 1800 C/C to 352 T. Called all hands. 1815 Mainsail lowered. 1820 C/C to 348T. (Wind 37 Kts. NW) 2200 Radio antenna carried away. 2300 Decks awash. Shipping heavy seas. (Wind NW at 44 Kts.)

11 March: 0400 Hove to. Wind force occasionally storm force. Under staysail and mizzen. (Wind NNW at 52 to 60 Kts.) 0815 Underway on reduced power. C-285T. Secured radio antenna. 2100 Sky overcast. Sea moderating slowly. Discovered water leaking through chain pipes. Secured. (Wind NW 13 - 18 Kts.) 2400 Light variable winds. Sky overcast. (Wind Ne'ly 5 to 9 Kts.)

12 March: 0750 Called all hands to set square sail. Lowered fore-staysail. 0820 Square sail set. (Wind SW 24 to 30 Kts.) 0900 Like sailing on the point of a pin. Making good time. (Wind SW at 37 Kts.)

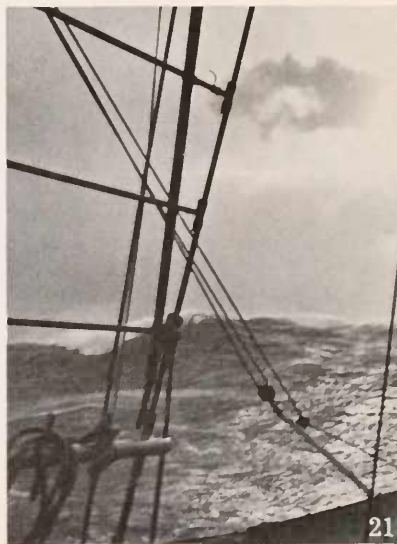
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0950 Lowered Square sail & Mizzen.
1000 Running on bare masts before whole Gale and very rough seas. Secured decks for Gales. Extra gaskets on sails. (Wind SW at 52 to 60 Kts.)
1200 Barometer falling rapidly. Sea increasing. Running on bare poles. Occasional Hurricane force winds (Wind SW 60 - 68 Kts.)
1800 Very rough quartering sea. Barometer still falling. Wind veering to West. Extremely rough sea. (Wind SW 60 - 68 Kts.) Barometer 29:05)
2100 Shipping heavy seas on deck.
2200 Wind increasing. Sea very rough.
2325 Reduced Engine RPM. Shipping heavy seas. Visibility poor. Heavy rain.

13 March: 0820 Contacted NMY for weather report (Winds 60 to 68 NW)
1000 Fighting heavy seas. Trailed deck lines over stern to hold ship steady.
1100 Hand rail Starboard, aft, carried away. (Wind NW 60 - 68 Kts.)
1200 Fighting heavy breaking seas. Using oil overside. Little effect. Standing 2 hr. Watches.
1500 Port handrail aft carried away. Sea extremely rough. Breaking on quarterdeck.
1600 Heavy snow storm. Crew getting tired.
1900 Rigged lifelines. 4 Lines trailing.
2200 Snow. Gave orders for everyone not on watch to stay below until called.



(Ed. Note): Times are in 24 hours. C/C to 352T means: Change course to 352 True.