

THE LOGS
OF THE
SERAPIS—ALLIANCE—ARIEL

UNDER THE COMMAND OF
JOHN PAUL JONES

1779—1780

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A Journall Kept on Board the
 Serapis, an English Ship of War, of 44 Guns
 taken the 23rd. of September, (by the Bon Homme Richd.,)
 now Commanded by the Honble. John Paul Jones

<i>H</i>	<i>K</i>	<i>HK</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>Courses</i>	<i>Winds</i>	<i>Remarks on Sunday 26th Septr. 1779</i>
1	2			E S E	S S W	These 24 Hours Cloudy Weather, Fresh Breezes Wind, in Company with the Frigate Alliance and Pallas, the Brig Vengeance, and Countess of Scarbro' of 20 guns, one of the Prizes
2	2					
3	2					
4	2					
5	2					
6	2					
7	2					
8	3					People Employed refitting the Rigging &c, of the Serapis, which Ship Capt. Jones. as Commodore, had Hoisted his Flag. the Bon Homme Richard sinking from the damage she received the Night of the Action
9	2					
10	3					
11	2					
12	2	I				The Master at Arms was put in Irons for letting the Prisoners, loose on the Night of the Engagement
1	2					
2	3					
3	2					
4	2					
5	2					
6	2					
7	2					
8	2					
9	2					
10	2					
11	2					
12	2					

H	K	HK	F	Courses	Winds	Remarks on Monday 27th Septr. 1779
1	2			SEBE	SWBS	These 24 Hours begins with Moderate Breezes of Wind, Dark Cloudy Weather, All Hands Employed, fitting the Ship
2	2					
3	2					
4	2					
5	2					
6	2					
7	2					
8	2			ESE	SSW	
9	2					
10	2					
11	2					
12	2					
1	2					At 6 P.M. got the Mizen Top Mast on End, the Rigging over head and set it up At 3 A.M. Saw a Large Sail fired 3 Guns found her to be a Dutch Merchantman
2	2	I				
3	2					
4	2					
5	2					
6	2					
7	2					
8	2					
9	2					
10	2					
11	2					
12	2					

H	K	HK	F	Courses	Winds	Remarks on Teusday 28th. Septr. 1779
1	I	I		SBE	SW	The first Part of these 24 Hours, Clear and Pleasant Moderate Gales and fair Weather, People still Employed refitting the Ship. with the Assistance of the Alliances People One Boat Employed, passing and repassing from Ship to Ship in bringing Necessarys for the repair of the Ship
2	2					
3	2					
4	2	I				
5	2					
6	2	I		SSE	SWBW	
7	2					
8	2	I				
9	2					
10	2					
11	2	I				
12	2					
1	2	I				A M. at 1 Gott up a Jury Main Mast
2	2					
3	2					
4	2					
5	2	I		ESE	SW	
6	2					
7	2					
8	2					
9	2	I				
10	2					
11	2					
12	2	I				

H	K	HK	F	Courses	Winds	Remarks on Wednesday September 29th: 1779
1	2			SEBS	SW	These 24 Hours begins with Moderate Breezes and Hazy Weather, People employed cleaning the Ships Decks, and repairing the Ship &c, At 9 A M. Hoisted 5 Lanthorns. at the Mizzen Peak and fired a gun as a Signal for the Squadron to Heave in Stays, and stand to the Westward
2	2					
3	2					
4	2					
5	2					
6	2	I				
7	2	I				
8	2	I		WBN		
9	2	I				
10	2	I				
11	2	I		ESE	SBW	
12	2	I				
1	2	I				At 1 A M made the same Signal, Wore Ship and stood to the Eastward again. Latter Part People Employed. bending a Jury Main Sail
2	2	I				
3	3					
4	3					
5	3					
6	3					
7	2	I				
8	2	I				
9	2	I				
10	2	I				
11	2					
12	2					

H	K	HK	F	Courses	Winds	Remarks on Thursday Septr. 30th. 1779
1	2	I		ESE	SSW	These 24 Hours Pleasant Weather, and a smooth Sea At 2 P. M got the Main Sail, and bent it, and sett it At 12 P M made the Signal for Heaving in Stays At 4 P M made the Signal for the Squadron to Tack and stand to the Eastward At 8 A M swayed up the Main Top Mast and got the Main Top Sail Yard athwart At 10 A M set the Main Top Sail— At Meridian made the Signal for the Squadron to Tack,
2	2	I				
3	2	I				
4	2	I				
5	2	I		SEBS	SWBW	
6	2	I				
7	2					
8	2	I				
9	2	I				
10	2	I				
11	2	I		NNW		
12	2	I				
1	2	I				At 8 A M swayed up the Main Top Mast and got the Main Top Sail Yard athwart At 10 A M set the Main Top Sail— At Meridian made the Signal for the Squadron to Tack,
2	2	I				
3	3					
4	3			SEBE	SWBS	
5	3					
6	3					
7	3					
8	4					
9	4					
10	4					
11	4					
12	4			WBS	South	

H	K	HK	F	Courses	Winds	Remarks on Friday October 1st. 1779
1	3			WSW	SSE	The First part of these 24 Hours Cloudy Weather, Moderate Gales. and a smooth Sea,
2	3					
3	3	I				
4	3	I				
5	4			SWBW	SEBE	At 1 P.M. saw 2 Strange Sail, did not alter our Course for them.
6	4					
7	3	I				
8	3	I				
9	4			South	WBS	Still Employed repairing the Ship
10	4					
11	4					
12	4					
1	3			South	WBS	At 5 AM a Number of Vessels appeared in Sight they proved to be a fleet of Dutch Merchantmen
2	3	I				
3	4					
4	3	I				
5	4					
6	4					
7	4					
8	4					
9	4					
10	4					
11	4					
12	4					

H	K	HK	F	Courses	Winds	Remarks on Saturday October 2nd. 1779
1	4	I		SWBS	WNW	The First part of these 24 Hours Moderate Weather
2	5					
3	5	I				
4	3	I	23			
5	4			EBN		At 3. PM. The Pilot, which we had taken off Scarbro' and had Towed from thence, was employed in going from us to the Pallas., till 6 P.M. and then Veered a Stern again
6	4					
7	4					
8	3		21			
9	3					
10	3	I				
11	3		16			
12	3		17			
1	3			NEBE		At 10 AM. Handed the Mizen Top Sail. which Sail was a Top Gallt. Sail
2	3	I				
3	3	I				
4	3					
5	3					
6	3	I				
7	3					
8	3	I				
9	3					
10	3					
11	3					
12	3					

<i>Winds</i>	<i>Remarks on Sunday October 3rd. 1779—</i>
NW	First part of these 24 Hours. Clear and Pleasant Weather, Fresh Gales and a Large Tumbling Swell from the Westward. at 2P.M made the Land of Holland, near the Texel bearing EBS distant 5 Leagues, at 4P.M. a Pilot came on Board. Stood from the Land, Untill Midnight and then made the Signal for the Squadron to Tack, and stand in Shore at 6 AM. Found ourselves. close in with the Land, at Meridian came to an Anchor in the Texel Road, with the rest of the Squadron,
	<i>Remarks on Monday October 4th. 1779—</i>
ENE	These 24 Hours begins with Pleasant Weather, at 1 P.M. the Captain of the Pallas came on Board, and Tarryd till 10 P M People employed on various Occasions
	<i>Remarks on Teuesday October 5th. 1779—</i>
EBS.	These 24 Hours begins with Moderate Gales and Clear Weather, People employed on Sundry Necessary Occasions At 10 PM. Two Men attempted to Swim on Shore, but they had not got far before they were taken up and brought back again At 10 AM. Hove up our Anchor, and stood up towards the Texel with the Tide
	<i>Remarks on Wednesday October 6th. . 1779—</i>
ESE	The First part of these 24 Hours. Clear Weather, and Moderate Gales at 3PM. came too an Anchor, and moored Ship, found a Number of Dutch Men of War, riding here, People employed unbending the Sails and cleaning the Decks.
	<i>Remarks on Thursday October 7th. 1779—</i>
EBS	These 24 Hours People employed, unrigging, and preparing to get the Jury Main Mast out, Received from the Pallas. 12 Bolts. of Canvas No. 2, and 3 Bundles of Twine, the Commodore set out for Amsterdam, a Sergeant of Marines put in Irons, for Embezzling several Articles of Cloathing out of the Pursers Store Room, Squally Weather. with Rain