

on Board Bark Abner Barker on middle ground cruising

Monday December 29th 1867

The first part of these 24 hours good weather & we were under Short Sail & employed at stowing down our sail & we knocked off about 7 P.M. & left & call on deck until morning & then we will finish if nothing happens & 2. Middle part good weather & we were under Short Sail & Latter part strong breezes from the N. & we were under easy Sail & we knocked off our decks & c.

Tuesday December 30th 1867

The first part of these 24 hours strong breezes from the N. & we were under easy Sail & heading to the Eastward Middle part strong breeze from the N. & we were under Short Sail & Latter part good weather & we made Sail & were employed at finishing stowing down our sail & c.

Wednesday December 31st 1867

The first part of these 24 hours good weather with the wind from the N. & we were heading to the Eastward & we have been employed at making ship all over & c. & c. Middle part good weather with the wind from the North & Latter part good weather with the wind from the North & we were steering & heading the Westward & have been employed at ship duties & c. & c.

Thursday January 1st 1868

The first part of these 24 hours pleasant with the wind from the N. & we were on the Starboard tack heading to the Westward & have been employed at ship duties & c. & c. & P.M. we broke out the after hole for provisions & c. & c. Middle part good weather & we were under Short Sail & Latter part good weather but thick & some rain. & we made Sail & headed to the Westward & the wind was from the N. & not blowing much.

Friday January 2nd 1868

The first part of these 24 hours it blew up strong & was rainy & we shortened sail & the wind was from the N. & we were on the Starboard tack & we came down to a short reef main & the wind whirled around & made a nasty sea.

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Middle part blowing strong & some rain & the wind that was all around the compass & we were under a short reef, maintop sail, & c. Latter part better weather & we made Sail & headed to the S.E. with the wind from the S. & we have been employed at ship duties & c. & c.

Saturday January 3rd 1868

The first part of these 24 hours good weather with the wind from the S. & we were on the Starboard heading to the S.E. & we have been employed at ship duties & c. & c. Middle part good weather & we were under Short Sail & Latter part good weather & we made Sail & headed to the S.E. which is near our cable for the French rock where we are bound for & the wind is from the South & we have been employed at ship duties & c. & c.

Sunday January 4th 1868

The first part of these 24 hours pleasant with the wind from the South & we were on the Starboard tack heading to the Eastward. & we are now off three kips & are bound for French rock & c. & c. Middle part pleasant & we were under Short Sail & steering E. & we are bound for French rock & c. & c. Latter part pleasant & we made all Sail & heading to the E. which is near our cable for French rock with the wind from the S. & our men have been employed at breaking out between decks & c. & c.

Monday January 5th 1868

The first part of these 24 hours pleasant & about calm & we had all the gel & trying to get to the Eastward & our men have been employed at ship duties & c. & c. Middle part pleasant & we were under Short Sail & steering E. with the wind from the N. & not of that & c. Latter part pleasant & we made all Sail & steered E. with a light breeze from the N. & we passed a bark early this morning & she was steering about N. & c.