

Remarks on Board Bark Clara Bell

Wednesday Dec 4th 1858

Came with Pleasant breeze from NW at 3 PM wind shifted to the Northward came W & W the Cloud within 4 leagues but no whale. Middle part Pleasant Vatter part wind shifted to NW came SE & S

Lat 46° 31' S
Long. 63° 42' W

Thursday Dec 5th

Came with fine weather came SE with all sail set we are wanting some big bay much and am looking to see some whales soon. Middle part wind from the Northward came SE Vatter part came SE & W at 10 AM wind shifted to the SE nothing in sight

Lat 46° 49' S
Long. 63° 42' W

Friday Dec 6th

Commenced with with strong wind from NW Bark hauled up SE made double reefed main at 3 PM took in the foretop sail middle part weather fine made some sail Vatter part made all sail came SE & S good weather but no whale

Lat 46° 51' S
Long. 63° 53' W

Saturday Dec 7th

Came with Pleasant breeze from North & West came SE & S with all sail set nothing in sight but we hope to see some whales soon. Middle part calm Vatter part strong winds from NW Ship heading to Westward made double reefed topsails nothing in sight

Lat 46° 30' S
Long. 65° 32' W

Sunday Dec 8th

Came with strong winds from NW took in the mainsail at 8 PM made double reefed at 7 Jacked ship and made sail sound at 5 PM gale & sand made report a strong breeze from NW Ship heading to NW wind double reefed topsails Vatter part the same

Lat 46° 51' S
Long. 66° 32' W

Cruising
Monday Dec 6th 1858

Came with moderate breeze from NW Bark heading to NW made sail wind shifted to Northward at 3 PM wind to NW Ship heading to NW at 6 PM Jacked to Westward wind from Southward middle part blowing strong Bark lying to wind at least reef main topsail & foresail Vatter part made moderate but nothing in sight and still how much we want a whale but they will be dead at hand

Lat 46° 52' S
Long. 66° 42' W

Tuesday Dec 7th

Came with light land & calm saw humpbacks several but could not strike same on Board at 4 PM at midnight Jacked to Northward wind shifted to NW at 2 AM lying to wind at least reefed main topsail & foresails

Lat 46° 51' S
Long. 66° 33' W

Wednesday Dec 8th

Came with a Gale from NW Bark lying to wind at least reefed main topsails and foresails heading to NW NW made port moderate made some sail Vatter part made all pendant sail Bark heading in shore

Lat 46° 51' S
Long. 67° 21' W

Thursday Dec 9th

Came with Pleasant breeze from NW came NW with all pendant sail in weather cloudy somewhat Bottom 30 fms nothing in sight at 10 PM head ship and shortened sail to wind reefed topsails wind shifted to NW Vatter part wind from NW blowing strong Bark lying to wind at least reefed main topsails at 7 PM made double reefed topsails and stowed SE at 11 AM hauled to wind to the Southward Bark lying to

Lat 46° 52' S
Long. 66° 41' W