

Ship Com. Morris of New Bedford

Friday Feb. 17th

Comes in with moderate breezes from N.E. and fine weather. Ship at anchor about one mile to N.E. W.S.W. from Lobos island. Sent all four boats off cruising - two to the windward and two to the leeward. At night all returned on board. Discovered today that the rudder was very weak having been strained very much by pounding on the bottom. Tried the pumps but found that the ship did not leak. was not able to ascertain any other damage to the ship.

Saturday Feb. 18th

Begins with moderate trades from the N.E. and fine weather. Ship still at anchor under Lobos island. In the a.m. all the boats off cruising - at 11 a.m. all returned on board having seen nothing in the a.m. painting ship. Blacksmith fitting ironwork for the rudder.

Sunday Feb. 19th

Comes in with fine pleasant weather with the regular N.E. trades. Sent two boats over to the island of Coache. in the P.M. they returned having seen nothing - nothing seen from the ship.

Monday, Feb. 20th

Comes in with light airs and pleasant weather. at 7 took our anchor and stood down the south side of Coache toward Cabagua with the view of going down into or by the Gulf of Caraicu. at 12 m. abreast of Point Araya and at 4¹/₂ came to an anchor in 12 fathoms. Spoke the schooner George Jones bars of N.E. 9 mos, 360 sperm, had seen but a very few humpbacks - Town of Cumana all plain in sight.

In The Caribbean Sea

Tuesday Feb. 21st

Comes in with light baffling airs from all points of the compass and fine pleasant weather - all four boats off cruising - two up the Gulf and two up the shores to the N. - at 4 two boats from the Gulf had returned had seen no whales but finbacks. reports the schooner Shriver of Boston up the Gulf with 18 Bbls of blubber - Whiff morning the schooner G. Jones got under weigh and stood to the W. - in the P.M. saw her whaling, had boats down.

Wednesday Feb. 22nd

Comes in with strong breezes from the E. and fine weather. Ship still at anchor off Point Araya. - sent all four boats off two up alongshore to the north and two down to Santa the Bay. - no whales seen by the boats up alongshore or from the ship.

Thursday Feb. 23rd

Comes in with strong breezes from the N.E. and clear weather. Ship still at anchor at Point Araya. - all four boats off cruising a part of the day. in the P.M. two boats on board. at 8 the two boats returned from Gulf Santa Fee. having seen nothing. Today made an examination of the ship and found the copper off in places on her keel. Tried to obtain a consultation with the people on shore at Cumana but failed through the want of an interpreter. The object of consultation was for the purpose of getting repairs.