

Journal of a voyage On board

Sunday August 27th 1868

To day weather fine with light airs from S.W. This morning two boats went off on a cruise up to the Dutch-cree. Saw two whale but could not strike the wind being light & the whales the came on board. Half past Five P.M. hoisted all boats. One Nigger sick. So ends

Monday 28th

To day weather fine wind S.W. & a good breeze. This morning the Alderman & two men went to the dock employed in drawing the boat & washing ship. Took the stern boat on dock for the purpose of repairing her. At 12 M. the Alderman came on board. After dinner lowered the two port boats & went up towards the Dutch-cree. Saw a cow & calf. Tried to get on but she saw us & went off shore. It being run down came on board. So ends a long & uneventful day.

Tuesday the last of August

To day weather squally from S.W. with rain. At 3 P.M. at 3 o'clock got under way & cruised up towards the Dutch-cree with Mr. Scher. Saw two orcas off shore but saw them but once did not lower employed in standing mast-heads & ship duty. At half past 4 P.M. came to anchor at our anchorage. At 7 P.M. came

Wester Schs. Admiral Blake. Hammond

Wednesday the First of September

To day weather fine. Two boats off cruising. Have not seen anything. Starboard crew employed in repairing the old stern boat. This evening went on shore for a run at 7 P.M. all hands on board. It thundering some. So ends

Sept. Thursday 2nd

To day weather not very good. First rain with thunder & lightning at 10 A.M. got under way. Started for Bonaire. At 3 P.M. got the starboard anchor in 2 1/2 fathoms water at 4 P.M. Capt. Hammond & Mrs. Phillips had some words & a bit of a scuffle. At five P.M. saw a whale going quick to the leeward. Lowered but could not get any where near him. Came on board at dusk. Employed through the day in washing ship and pulling the cable in to the stern boat & lashing her. Also breaking out the fore-hold and the Port side. So ends

Sept 3rd Friday

To day weather some rain with S.W. winds. This morning the Third-mate refused duty. At 10 A.M. this morning we missed four men & one of the boats we suppose they took her for us. Found her in the bay. Capt. sent for the Consul. He came at 3 P.M. the Third-mate turned to & went to work. Consul says he will fetch the deserter back. Employed in getting off wood & fetching down wood to the water. Day and with quite good weather & four men gone. One of them carried off a cotton-colored monkey cloth from his chest. The monkey's name was Peter Antonio. The boat was also stolen badly & one gone. It will bother us considerably as we want to go