

Journal of 1859 October Tuesday 26th

This twenty four hours the first part cloudy with frequent squalls of rain At 4 P.M. had a heavy squall of wind & rain but in every thing the squall came from the Eastward and drove on but soon hauled & lowered it down again it being calm At eleven P.M. had a breeze springing up from S.W. back sail & steered by the wind on the Southern tack. Latter part calm with some fine rain at 10 A.M. saw Blackfish lowered the two quarter boats. Starboard got one Capt. struck & drew so ended this day. Lat the sun

Lat 2° 40' S
Long 6° 30'

Wednesday 27th

This twenty four hours the first part moderate from S.W. At 4 P.M. bent new main sail showed the old one below also opened a cask of flour & baked the rubber. Middle part light S.W. winds steering the same. Latter calm & light winds from the same quarter. Saw killing of porpoises. Covered the starboard boat & took her on deck for repairs. So ends

Thursday 28th

To day weather in the first part moderate. Saw porpoises. Employed in working on my boat. Middle part light S.W. with calms. Latter part good breeze. Saw Blackfish. Day ends with calm air. Saw

Saw all sail in

Crossed vessel. Admiral Blake

Friday October 29th

This twenty four hours from menses with light winds & dark heavy clouds of rain caught one cask of water at 4 P.M. made sail steering by the wind heading all ways. Saw 1 Blackfish. Middle part calm & light air & cooling very bad. Latter part light winds at 10 A.M. sat the fore sail having it repaired steering by the wind on the Western tack. At 12 M. tacked heading S.E. Lat 2° 55' S Long 8° 08' East

Saturday 30th

The first part of this day sea account good breeze from S.W. Saw porpoises. Employed in painting the inside of the Starboard boat. Middle part the same. Latter light winds. Saw porpoises but the Starboard boat on her canvas. Lat 3° 40' S Long 8° 58' East

Sunday 31st

This twenty four hours the first part good breeze steering by the wind on the Starboard tack heading S.E. Saw porpoises. Middle part good weather. At 10 P.M. tacked ship heading S.W. At 9 A.M. raised spruce whet & going quick to the windward. At 10 A.M. lowered the two quarter boats & saw chase. At 12 M. Starboard boat struck a small whale got him alongside. So ends