

Brig Francis A. Barstow

October 12th 1891.

Calm & light variables.

Steering S.E. by E. when possible
Bqr. "B. Billow" in sight. "Boiling"
sounded, and got twenty two fathoms.
Just to the Westward of "Herald Shoals"

Oct. 13th

Begins with baffling air from
the Eastward. Ship working to the
E.S.E. middle and last part
fresh breeze from the N.E.
saw "Cape Lisburne" at 2 P.M.
and kept off to the South.

Oct. 14th

All these 24 hours strong N.E.
breeze, passed through the "straits"
at 3 P.M. the "Diomedes"
bearing East distant about
ten miles. Then kept off
and shaped course to go to
the W. of "St. Lawrence" Island
steering S. by W. half West.

Oct. 15th

Strong breeze from the N.E.
steering to the South
rather a thick snow storm.
saw land to the Westward
at 8 A.M. called it "Marcus"
"Bay" heads

Oct. 16th

Strong N.E. winds steering S.S.E.
passed close by to the Westward
of "St. Mathews" Island then
hauling up by the wind, and
shortened sail for the night.
rather moderating some.

Bound to San Francisco

1891

Oct. 17th 1891

comes in with strong breeze
from the N.E. & E.S.E. steering
full and by to the South.
latter part wind increasing to
a moderate gale from E.S.E.
steering the same.

Oct. 18th

Blowing a moderate gale from
the S.E. ship lying to on the
Port-tack.

Oct. 19th

Gale abating some, made some
sail, and steered S.S.E.
saw a number of Finbacks
saw the Island of "St. Paul"
bearing E. about sixty miles.
Took craft out of boats, turned
them on and lashed them to
davit-heads. Sent down "cutting
gear", and took in "cutting stage"
Oct. sunset wind backing to
E.N.E. steering S.S.E. under all sail.

Oct. 20th

Moderate breeze from the N.E.
steering S.E. by S. under all sail

Lat. 54.34

Long. 173.13

Oct. 21st

Strong breeze from the North.
steering S.E. by South. the first part
and passed through the "seventy
two fath" (so called) at noon.
two "Schis" & three "Bqms" in sight
latter part steering S.E. by E.

Lat. 52.30

Long. 172.00