

Journal of a Voyage in Ship Gideon Howland

1840

Thurs Jan 23rd Commences fine weather light winds from the NW steering S by E middle part the same at 4 pm saw Oahu ahead distant 10 leagues at 5 pm double reefed topsails and lay by the wind with 2 tacks aboard at 6 pm set her off at S by E for Oahu fine weather strong breeze from NW
Lat by Chron 13° 11' N Long by Chron 189° 01' E

Frid 24th first part light winds and squally at daylight saw land 4 points off the lee bore kept off for it till 4 pm lifted up four points for Oahu at 5 pm got up the chains and hoist them at 6 pm shifted to with 2 tacks aboard heading ENE land bearing WSW distant 6 miles Bore 1 point off the weather bore distant 6 leagues so ended this day
Lat by Chron 13° 44' South Long by Chron 189° 54' East

Sat 25th first part light and variable winds with squalls of rain steering in for the land at 10 am canoes came along side at 11 the boat came on board and took us in Oahu Bay at 3 pm came at anchor latter part continued rain so ends this day

Sund 26th first middle and latter part rain with heavy squalls of wind from the Westward so ends this day

Monday 27th this day fine weather sent tubs empty and fresh water ashore and commenced breaking out oil in the after hatch on the L side which was in a leaky state

Tues 28th breaking out and stowing down in the after hold on the S side

Wed 29th broke out on the L side and stowed down some of it so ends this day
this day the boat stood in to the mouth of the bay had sprung a leak had 175 lbs of water

In Pacific Ocean

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Thurs 30th of Jan 1840 all hands employed breaking out and stowing down in the after hold
the boat came in this day to haul down and stop her leak Capt Wood came in with a boat his ship the L Richmond was out side with 2050 lbs of water

Frid 31st this day stowing down in the after hold

February 1840

Sat Feb 1st 1840 Fine weather finished stowing down in the after hold

Sund 2nd fine weather all that liked went to Church

Mon 3rd breaking out and stowing down in the main hold on the S side

Tues 4th breaking out and cooping in the main hold
Wed 5th cooping

Thurs 6th employed cooping

Frid 7th finished cooping & stowed down 1000 lbs of iron

Sat 8th reached the ship

Sund 9th

From Sund 9th to Sund 16 were employed in getting wood & water and painting ship and spars &c and getting ready for sea again

From the 16th to the 21st we were lying in the Bay filling for the sea again