

Journal on board

S. P. O. May 1871

Tuesday May 9th
Calm. whaleships and ships of merchandise
are sailing around or trying to and probably
would could they get a breeze

Wednesday May 10th
Nearly calm in the morning but in the afternoon
our camp was broken up a strong breeze sprang
up and the crowd dispersed and there we
are now, alone upon the waste of water.

Thursday May 11
Hove to again today under close reefed main top-
sail and more whales and merchant ships
in sight also gray whales porpoises &c

Friday May 12th
A gale of wind, and quite a number of sails
in sight. yet Massaquero in sight

Saturday May 13
Good or better weather than it has been-
gammed the Bark Tulon. Capt. Allen this
afternoon the F. is "homeward bound" that
joyful sound" land in sight

Sunday May 14
A pleasant day, but no pleasant signs
of more ice were seen today. sailed by the
course was N. N. E. nothing in sight

Monday May 15
Good weather, it was one of those warm
calms especially adapted to surviving sail
and an ample share of it we have to do
Nothing in sight but Massaquero

Tuesday May 16
Good weather in the morning but had a gale
of wind at night. Mass. Fernandez was
in sight. we sailed by it to the North of
it no work nothing to see from except

Bark Alfred Gibbs

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Wednesday May 17
Pleasant weather. nothing rare that beautiful
island that so many stories have been told about- in
sight and nothing done except scrim-shanning

Thursday May 18
A light breeze and almost might be called a
real American May day and so I suppose it
is as much as a S. no work for us

Friday May 19th
Good weather. nothing in sight except blackfish
and the same island as this is pleasant and almost
any one would enjoy it

Saturday May 20
Nearly calm all day. at four o'clock saw a large
breach and after a spout. but it was a long way
off and no wind to get there. so it goes and I
begin to think our luck has changed

Sunday May 21st
Wind blew a gale this morning. was hove to
under close reefed main top-sail. in the afternoon
the wind was the most violent. although the
boats were hoisted up on the highest fleet
the bow boat was rolled over and stove a hard
night for sailors. I have all night in

Monday May 22
A continuation of the same only a little different
dropped the fore-sail and put her before it. sailed
North. squall of hail and rain were frequent
here to again to night. the wind was less

Tuesday May 23
Running again today. a strong breeze and
course North. nothing in sight

Wednesday May 24
Good weather. was close hauled. no work
going on except fixing the bow boat that
was stove in by the gale