

Ship Doctor on the off shore ground in 1841

August 4th 1841

These 24 hours commences with fresh trades and pleasant weather. Employed in setting up rigging. The turning lathe going in full motion. A No. 10 ship to the south turned out on reef. Blowing strong. Latitude 05.05 south
Long 102.44 west

Thursday August 5th 1841

These 24 hours commences with strong winds and cloudy weather. The watches employed on the rigging. Blacksmith at his forge. Washed at the turning lathe. A ship in sight on our weather beam. In the morning tacked ship to the N.E.
Lat 06.50 South
Long 103.15 west

Friday August 6th

This day commences with strong trades and clear weather. Some prospect of better weather unbent the fore and maintop sails and put up others in their place for the purpose of repairing. Latter parts under doubled reefed topsails. Blowing strong.
Lat 05.50 South
Long 103.04 west

Saturday August 7th

Commences with fine weather and pleasant trades. Employed in repairing the topsails. A 54 spoke the Ship Fabius of Nant. Chase. Commander he saw whales here 3 weeks ago. Latter parts. One ship in sight astern. So ends these 24 hours
Lat 05.52 South
Long 102.57 west

James Gray Commander.

Sunday August 8th 1841

These 24 hours commences with strong winds and pleasant weather. 2 P.M. finished repairing the topsail. And began to break out for provisions. 4 P.M. washed off decks. 5 P.M. tacked ship to the south and spoke the Phoenix. Nantucket. Hamlin Commander. The ship Fabius. Hull up to the leeward. Latter parts the Fabius off our lee bow 2 miles distant.
Observance none this day

Monday August 9th

Commences with fine weather. Employed principally in reading. At 3 P.M. tacked ship to the S.E. Sunset took in sail. 6 P.M. spoke the Mount Vernon of Nantucket. 1000 4th. 21 months out. The Pilot of Mount passed us astern. Both ships gone to the westward. Nothing else in sight.
Lat 05.06 South
Long 102.17 west

Tuesday August 10th

Commences with pleasant weather. Employed in repairing the capstan. Sunset closed down the maintop sail and reefed. Latter parts took out the reef. and set the maintopgallant sail.
Latitude 05.03 South
Longitude 101.57 west

Wednesday Aug 11th

Moderate winds and pleasant weather. Employed in ship's duty. Finbacks in sight. Sunset took in the maintopgallant sail & flying jib. Latter parts. Made sail steering by the wind southerly. Employed in sundry jobs. So ends these 24 hours
Lat 06.25 South
Long 102.17 west