

Ship Hector. Cruising in the South Pacific

Wednesday December 29th 1841

Strong trade winds and fine weather. Ship heading to the S.W. with all sail set. Sunset shortened sails. Latter part wore ship heading N.W.W. Blowing fresh 9 1/2 A.M. Raised a large whale about 200 yards from the ship. Lowered the boats without success. Ends these 24 hours. Lat 5.30 S. Long 104.36 W.

Thursday December 30th 1841

12 meridian the same whale ahead the ship going quick to windward. Lowered the boats without success. Middle and latter part. Blowing fresh. Saw nothing. So Ends. Lat 5.54 South Long 104.00 West.

Friday December 31st 1841

Fresh trade. Ship heading N.E. with maintopgallant sail out. Latter part. Employed in ship's duty. Saw nothing of note. So Ends. Lat 4.47 S. Long 103.17 W.

Saturday January 1st 1842

Fine weather. Ship heading to the N.E. with all sail out. Employed in ship's duty. Middle and latter parts. good weather. Saw nothing. So Ends these hours. Lat 4.57 S. Long 103.20 W.

Sunday January 2^d

Begins fair weather. Ship heading to the S. with all sail out. 4 P.M. washed off the decks. A.M. raised a ship to leeward. Lat 5.27 S. Long 104.44 W.

Cruising on the Off Shore Ground.

January 3^d 1842

Commences cloudy weather. the crew at leisure. Spoke the ship Lexington. weeks 1000 &c. Sunset took in sail. A.M. tacked ship to the N.E. Saw the ship Lexington. So Ends these 24 hours. Lat 5.46 S. Long 104.36 W.

January 4th 1842

Commences pleasant. Saw the ship Lexington off the bow. Sunset took in sail. Latter parts. Saw a ship astern. So Ends. Lat 6.00 S. Long 104.20 W.

January 5th 1842

The present 24 hours begins fresh breezes. Ship heading to the south. Chimploga on the rigging. Latter part. a ship in sight off the weather beam. 11 A.M. Lunar Observation. Lat 5.36 S. Long 104.03 W.

January 6th 1842

Strong trade winds. & pleasant weather. 3 P.M. raised whale ahead the ship. going very quick to windward. Lowered the boats without success. Latter part. Saw a ship. to windward. 9 A.M. squared in the yards ran off land. saw nothing. Lat 5.33 S. Long 104.29 W.

January 7th 1842

Pleasant. ship heading to the south. with all sail out. saw a ship supposed it was the Lexington. also saw a bone shark. Latter part. saw a ship. So Ends these hours. Lat 5.25 S. Long 104.04 1/2 West.