

Oct 31st 1855-

Still calm and some rain
During 2 or 3 hard showers caught several
casks of water. There is a light breeze just
perceptible springing up to night. This
laying with sail flapping against the masts
is dreadful tedious far more welcome by me
would be a gale of wind but "what's the
use of sighing when time must go on
whether we stop or not. Same sails in
sight Lat 7° 11' Lon

November 1st

No change and no observation

Nov. 2



Notice no very favorable change
From frequent showers during the night
by means of a large sail spread caught
large quantities of water. This afternoon
saw blackfish and lowered Capt being
rather unwell I headed the Starboard
boat but could not get within 2 darts and
so did not get a fish the boatsteerer darts
but it is no uncommon thing to miss them
when they are near much more when
out of common darting distance. The other
two boats were more fortunate. The L. boat
got one and the M. 2 Head some sport
at any rate which is some consolation
in this calm weather No obs.

Nov. 3

No alteration in weather till night
improving with light breezes from E Course
S. Th. Boiled our B.K. fish made about
5 bils. Lat 6° 49' Lon

Nov 4 Sunday

It seems as though we were
destined never to escape. Last night in
our first watch took a squall of wind and
rain which gave us a telt. Soon after it
struck carried away the S gallant sail
completely. Both were lowered on the Cap and
to save the other it was clued up. Wind
still increasing the order was given to put
helm hard up but by a misunderstanding
it was put the wrong way which brought
her in the wind all standing. As quick as
possible the wheel was righted up and S.
sails clued down. She trembled violently
in the wind and the rain came driving
so hard that we could see nothing shore
as. got in jib and spanker after a while
As soon as she began to fill away the
old S. G. sail went hanging by one clue
over the fore sail. All the watch were
mustered to put 2 reefs in the main topsail
and by this time it was blowing a perfect
hurricane but we lay quite well under our
short sail and luffed too. It lasted about
an hour thus when it began to moderate
We have had some tough showers but