

any way interesting. Henceforth I write on these pages but to reflect my resolves which were formed even before we quitted our native shore in regard to keeping a journal of some sort. It have been thus far true to my purpose, for it is of some ~~sort~~ and no other. No more of this sort for I am in no mood for speculation with a rusty steel pen. All we have seen to day were small fish and tropic birds and these seem to be about the last living spoke in the wheel of the old year - take notice - our company not received. Lat. $9^{\circ}39'$ Lon. $10^{\circ}33'$

Jan 1st 1856

Being new years day all sorts of good wishes were expressed this morning giving and receiving with equal good earnest. The weather is warm and wind light generally from S.W. or S.E. W. Caught several small fish and attempted to catch a large albacore which was round nearly all day but could not strike him as he swam too fast. The ground looks lively enough for whales. Lat. $9^{\circ}41'$ Lon. $11^{\circ}33'$

Jan 2

No change Lat. $10^{\circ}00'$ Lon. $11^{\circ}22'$

Jan 3

Same Have been painting the carved work on the stern and it looks quite revived. Lat. $10^{\circ}11'$ Lon. $11^{\circ}23'$

Jan 4th 1856

Continued fine but rather warm probably we shall make up here for the bad weather which we have had a large share of elsewhere. I believe a gale is seldom known in this part. Occasionally a typhoon. While running off this afternoon raised B.H. fish and lowered away for them though we could get a chance at none of them. We made a trial of our new boat and found that in pulling she equals our expectations. The crew feeling proud of her lay to their oars with right good earnest. Wind was so light could not try the sail to advantage but have no doubt that she will sail as well as pull. Stuffed too to night and took in light sails as usual Lat. $10^{\circ}13'$ Lon. $11^{\circ}14'$

Jan 5

Fair. Run off a while this afternoon E. by E. but saw nothing. Lat. $10^{\circ}01'$ Lon. $10^{\circ}51'$

Jan 6 Sunday

No change reading generally bc. Lat. $11^{\circ}55'$ Lon. $11^{\circ}15'$

Jan 7 Continued to Painted outside of today Lat. $9^{\circ}36'$ Lon. $10^{\circ}53'$

Jan 8

Made a sail to the S of us this morn and soon after she tacked and went out of sight. Finished painting on the outside today. Saw this afternoon in every direction large schools of small