

Bark Sabella Cruising

Monday July 10th Day

First part light breeze from N.E. and thick fog. Middle and last part calm and fog. Sent two boats in three to look for whales. Saw none. Heard two spouts from the ship. Lowered for them heard them several times but could not see them being a dense fog. They appeared to be working up the bay.

Tuesday July 11th Day

First part calm with a thick fog, two boats in three returned at 2 P.M. having seen no whales. At 6 P.M. clear but being calm and a strong head tide did not get underway. Saw 6 ships all at anchor. Middle and last part calm and a thick fog.

Wednesday July 12th

First part light breeze from N.E. with fog. At 1 P.M. the fog lighted up some so that the top of both of the islands were seen from the mast head but at the same time could not be seen from the deck. At 3 P.M. took the anchor and stood to the S.W. up the passage for Phantom bay. At 3 1/2 P.M. thick fog again let go the anchor in 20 fathoms of water. Middle part strong gales from N.E. with much rain and a heavy swell. At midnight began to drag the anchor. Let go the other one and brought her up. gave her the whole of both chains. Latter part light breeze with a heavy swell.

Thursday July 13th

First part light breeze from N.E. thick and rainy with a heavy swell. Ship lying with both anchors down. Middle and last part calm and thick fog. At 7 A.M. hove up one of the anchors.

Friday July 14th

First part calm. At 5 P.M. light breeze from N. the fog cleared of some got underway. Shortly after the fog shut in again. Let go the anchor. Middle part calm. Latter part light breeze from the Eastward and fine weather. Saw one whale. lowered to no effect.

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Saturday July 15th Day

First part fine weather. At 1 P.M. got under way and stood up the bay strong breeze from the northward. At 10 P.M. anchored in the Phantom bay in 13 fathoms of water blowing strong from N.W. anchored with both anchors and gave for the whole of both chains. Saw a great number of whales in the bay but being rugged did not lower for them. Latter part lowered for whales. found them extremely wild. succeeded in catching one. He ends with all the boats down. one lying by the whale. the other chasing to no effect. Whales in abundance. but wild.



Sunday July 16th Day

First part fine weather and calm. the boats all off towing the whale and chasing others. but could not strike. Whales plenty. took the whale to the ship and cut him in. Latter part strong breeze from N.W. and thick fog. lowered for whales to no effect.

Monday July 17th

First part calm and thick fog. plenty of whales sporting around the ship but wild. chased them to no effect. Employed chasing whales and boiling. Middle and last part the same. No ends.

Tuesday July 18th Day

First part calm and fine weather. plenty of whales but could not strike any of them. the boats all off chasing. Employed on board boiling. Middle and last part calm and fog. sent two boats off. Caught one and anchored him being a head tide and thick fog.



Wednesday July 19th Day

First part strong breeze from N.W.E. and rugged. At 5 P.M. the boats started with the whale the tide being favourable. but being so rugged took the whale along side of the ship (Minerva) and made him fast. and came on board. Middle and last part strong gales with much rain. let go the other anchor. finished boiling.