

Bank Chabella Cruising In Chotok Sea August 1884

Friday Aug. 12th

First part strong breeze from the southward. Ship heading to westward under all sail. The main lower in sight. Saw two bow head whales going quick. Took in sail and hove to back off shore at sun down. 3 ships in sight. One of them boiling. Middle and last part strong breezes. Ship off and on under short sail. Saw one whale going quick. did not lower.

Saturday Aug. 13th

First part strong breeze from the southward. Ship under all sail heading to the S.W. spoke the ship Pacific & whales this season. Middle part light baffling winds under short sail hauled off and on to S.E. Cape. Latter part strong gales with thick fog. Ship off and on making short tacks. Saw a number of ships.

Sunday Aug. 13th

First part strong breeze from E.S.E. with some fog. Ship under easy sail heading off and on shore at the S.E. Cape. Saw several ships and one whale. Saw him but one rising. Middle part moderate with thick fog. Latter part light breeze from the westward with fog. Ship under easy sail heading on different tacks.

Monday Aug. 14th

First part light breeze from S.W. and fine weather. Saw two whales going quick lowered to no effect. Spoke the Mary Thruier with 7 whales this season. Middle part calm. Latter part light air from the westward with some fog. Spoke the William Wirt with 7 whales. The Brigade of Green port 8 whales. Ends with fresh breeze from the northward ship heading to westward. Saw no whales.

Tuesday Aug. 15th

First part light breeze from the northward. Ship under all sail heading to the westward. Middle and last part light baffling winds and calm weather. Ship heading steadily along shore 15 or 20 miles distant. Saw several ships but no whales.

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Wednesday Aug. 16th

First part light baffling winds calm and fine weather. Ship heading along shore to the W. W. several ships in sight but no bow heads. Middle and last part fresh breeze from S.W. Ship heading to the W.W. under all sail. Saw one whale. lowered but saw no more of him. Three ships in sight.

Thursday Aug. 17th

First part fresh breeze from S.W. sent two boats in shore to look for whales. Saw none. Spoke the Cortes with 10 whales. kept off along shore to the eastward. Middle and last part baffling winds calm and fog. Ship heading lastly two ships in sight.

Friday Aug. 18th

First part calm. At 4 P.M. a light breeze from the southward. Ship heading to the eastward under all sail. With fog. At 5 P.M. it brightened up some. Saw three ships heading to eastward. Middle and last part fresh breeze from the S.W. Ship heading to the S.E. into a gulph to the westward of Cape Main. at 12 M. Sprinkled from 12 fathoms of water. Saw no whales. Spoke the Cortes. kept off to the eastward.

Saturday Aug. 19th

First part light breeze from S.W. Ship under all sail heading to the W.W. in company with the Cortes. Saw nothing. at 7 P.M. made all sail and set fore top/mast shading sail and stunsail W. Middle part strong breezes from S.W. with heavy thunder and lightning. Latter part light breezes from S.W. and fine weather course W.E. Ends calm.

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Sunday Aug. 20th

First part calm. at 5 A.M. took a light breeze from the northward. Ship heading to the northward under all sail. Saw nothing. Middle part strong breezes from east ship heading W.W. under all sail. Latter part strong gales with rain. At 10 P.M. double reefed the top sails. Saw many hump backs. Ends thick and rainy.

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