

Barck Isabella On A Sperm Whale Cruise

Saturday Decem. 16th

First part strong breezes from S.E. by E. Ship heading S. by W. Middle and last part much the same. To mid Lat 00 29. North Long 154.33

Sunday December 17th

First part light breezes from E.S.E. Ship under all sail heading South by Middle and last part fresh breezes. Ship heading S.E. by S. This day crossed the equinoctial line and came in to South latitude

Lat 12.8. Long 154.22

Monday December 18th

First part light breezes and fine weather. Ship heading to the S.E. Saw a ship heading the same. Middle and last part light breezes from E.N.E. Ship under all sail Course S.S.E.

Lat 3.52. S. Long 154.23

Tuesday Decem. 19th

First part light breezes from E.N.E. and fine weather. Ship under all sail Course S.S.E. Middle and last part the same

Lat 3.40. Long 154.02

Wednesday Decem 20th

First part light breezes from E.N.E. and fine weather Course S.S.E. Ship under all sail. Middle part the same. Latter part strong breezes from W. Course S.E. by S

Lat 7.32. Long 153.22

Thursday Decem 21st Day

First part strong breezes from W. and fine weather Ship under all sail Course S.E. by S Middle and last part much the same. At 11 A.M. saw land to the Southward a small island. passed to Eastward of it distant 12 miles

Lat 7.57. Long 152.21

Friday Decem. 22nd

First part strong breezes from S. Course S.E. by S. Middle part the same. Latter part light breezes. At day light saw land. Santa Island to the westward passed to Eastward of it distant 10 miles

Lat 11.57 Long 151.21

Saturday Decem 23rd Day

First part light breezes from W. Course S.S.E. Ship under all sail. Middle part the same. Latter part calm. Ends with rain.

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Sunday December 24th

First part light breezes from the northward squally and rainy. Ship under all sail. Course S.E. Middle part much the same. Latter part light breezes from the northward and fine weather. Made all sail

Lat 14.24. Long 150.29

Monday Decem 25th

First part light breeze from S.E. by W. and fine weather Ship under all sail. Course S.S.E. Middle part the same. Latter part wind W.E. Course S.E.

Lat 15.24. Long 150.10

Tuesday Decem. 26th

First part light breezes from E.S.E. and fine weather. Ship under all sail heading South by Middle and last part the same. At 11 A.M. saw land. the Island of Imao to the S.E. passed to the leeward of it heading S. distant 25 miles

Lat 17.00. Long 150.27

Wednesday Decem. 27th

First part fresh trade winds from S.E. Ship under all sail heading S.E. by W. at 1 P.M. saw a small Island called Sir Charles Sumner's Island bearing S. distant 25 miles. passed to the leeward of it. Middle part under short sail and headed independent tracks. as there is a small Island down on the Chart hereabouts. Latter part at daylight made sail and stood on to the S.E. passed over the position of the above small Island but saw nothing of it

Lat 18.30. Long 151.07



Thursday Decem 28th

First part fresh breezes and fine weather. Ship under all sail heading to the Southward. At 3 P.M. saw sperm whales. A small school of small whales. lowered and struck three. At 3 P.M. took them alongside. Middle part lying by the whales. Latter part at daylight hooked on to Cat. finished cutting at 11 A.M. and made sail to the S.E. (wind E.N.E.)

Lat 18.57. Long 151.16

Friday Decem 29th

First part fine weather wind E.N.E. all hands employed clearing away the heads. At 4 P.M. saw sperm whales but going quick to the windward. lowered to no effect. At 7 P.M. commenced to sail. Middle and last part fine weather. employed boiling. wind E.N.E. Ship heading S.E.

Lat 20.12 Long 150.48