

1870

Bark James Maurer Log Book

Sat Dec 30th

Begins with strong winds from S.W. Ship steering by the wind to the Westward under Double Reef Top Sails Middle part the same Wind hauled to S.E. Ship heading S.W. latter part cloudy

Sat Dec 31st

Begins the same ship working to the S.W. under all present sail Middle and latter part the same

Lat 43° 57' S

Long 175° 00' W

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Sund Jan 1st

Begins with light breeze from the Westward Ship steering by the wind to the southward saw one ship steering the same Middle & latter parts the same

Mon Jan 2nd

Begins the same at day light saw Pitts Island Bearing S.W. Dist 15 Miles Ship working to Eastward under all sail saw two ships

Lat 44° 46' S

Long 175° 40' W

Tues Jan 3rd

Begins with fresh winds from the Eastward Ship working to windward Watch employed in repairing the fore sail spoke Bark Line etc Middle part calm latter part light Air from S.E. Ship steering D.E.W.

John C Smith Master

Wednes Jan 1st

Begins with cloudy weather Ship working to Eastward cruising Middle part the same latter part the same

Lat 44° 20' S

Long 174° 20' W

Thurs Jan 5th

Begins the same ship working on opposite tacks saw nothing Middle part the same latter part the same

Fri Jan 6th

Begins with light breeze from S.W. and good weather Ship working to the windward Middle part the same latter part the same

Lat 44° 30' S

Long 174° 57' W

Sat Jan 7th

Begins with fresh winds from the N.W. and hazy weather Ship working to Westward under all sail Middle part the same latter part the same at 5 P.M. saw a B. three ships whaling on our weather Bow at 8 P.M. saw Bark alone take a whale at 8 1/2 P.M. chased away our boats and chased the whales off I & with the other ships boats

Lat 44° 36' S

Long 174° 44' W

Sund Jan 8th

Begins the same boats still chasing at 2 P.M. Starboard Boat went on and darted whale too far off did not reach him at 2 1/2 P.M. came on Board Middle part thick rainy weather latter part the same