

Bark. John A. Robb. Cruising on New Holland.

Friday October 1st 1858

This day comes in with fine weather and moderate breeze from South the Bark standing to the S.W. middle & latter part much the same. Saw no fish of any description. Employed felling a main topmast stay and felling the main top gallant backstays forward and put up one at the main, took the fore top gallant backstay, and made main topmast stays. Antoin's a little better today.

Lat 24.40 Long 110.20

Saturday Oct 2nd

This day comes in with fine weather and moderate breeze, the Bark standing to the S.E. middle and latter part a good whol sail breeze, passed the Bark Circle, steering to the Westward.

Lat 24.40 Long 111.33

Sunday Oct 3rd

All this day, fine weather and moderate breeze from S.E. the Bark standing to the S.W. by the wind, middle part standing to the Southward, latter part steering W. by South. Saw few back's starting. Boat Row is a little better today.

Lat 23.15 Long 110.39

Monday Oct 4th

Comes in with fine weather and moderate breeze from S.W. the Bark steering of W. middle and latter part much the same. Saw the Bark Circle and had a trial of speed with him, we had a good whol sail breeze and the same sail, with the exception of our top gall't sail, which we carried, he had his perked, but as an offset to that he carried two stay sails, Mizzen & Main top Gall't. More than us, of sailing four hours, he altered his bearing two points more forward on us, which was gaining about a mile forward on us, but we gained two miles to windward on him, so we consider it about an equal thing, between us. I think, close hauled, we would beat him.

Lat 24.30 Long 109.47

Tuesday Oct 5th

This day comes in with fine weather and moderate breeze from South the Bark standing to the Eastward middle part much the same, ends with S.W. weather, the Ship standing to the Westward under double reef, saw nothing, Antoin is about the same.

Lat 24.40 Long 109.44

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Wednesday Oct 6th 1858

Comes in with fine weather and moderate breeze from South the Bark standing to the Westward middle and latter part fresh breezes & Squally, saw nothing, Antoin is getting a little better.

Thursday Oct 7th

All this day fresh gales & heavy sea, the Bark heading to S.W. under close reefed sails, & foresail, middle and latter part more moderate, a sail in sight standing to the Eastward. Saw no fish of any kind. The sick man about the same a little better of anything.

Lat 24.45 Long 110.55

Friday Oct 8th

Friday Comes in with fresh breezes from South the Bark standing to the Westward under easy sail, saw nothing, Antoin is about the same.

Lat 24.50 Long 110.11

Saturday Oct 9th

This day comes in with fresh gales from South, the Bark standing to the Eastward under short sail, middle and latter part much the same. Saw nothing at all. Antoin the sick man is improving slowly.

Lat 24.50 South Long 110.10

Sunday Oct 10th

Comes in with fresh gales from South the Bark on the East under close reefed top sails, bearing too fresh to whistle, ends with strong gales & heavy sea on, saw nothing of any consequence. The sick man about the same.

Lat Long

Monday Oct 11th

All this day fresh Southwesterly gales & heavy sea, the Bark bearing to, under close reef, heading to the Westward middle part W. by S. to the Eastward. Saw a couple of humpbacks.

Tuesday Oct 12th

The gale still continues without any prospect of abating the least, it is too rough to lower for a week and besides there is none to lower for.