

Bark John A. Robb. Cruising for Whales

Friday Dec 8th 1859

Fresh trades and pleasant weather Steering by the Wind to the Westward. Employed breaking out the top-holds. a Bark in sight to windward, one man sick.

Saturday Dec 9th

Comes in with fine weather and fresh trades the Bark Steering to the Eastward at 5 P.M. Spoke the Oriole. latter part more moderate. Saw no fish.

Lat 14.13 S Long 111.43 E

Sunday Dec 10th

This day Comes in with pleasant breeze from N.E. Steering by the Wind to the Westward. Middle and latter part strong trades. Saw nothing. Allen the Sick man about the same.

Lat 14.13 S Long 110.55 E

Monday Dec 11th

These twenty four hours fresh trades the Bark Steering to the Eastward middle part Standing to the Westward. Saw the Bark Oriole. to Leeward.

Tuesday Dec 12th

Comes in with fresh breeze from N.E.W. and a heavy swell from the Eastward. Steering N.E.W. at Sunset Close reefed the topsails, took in the fore-dail and luffed to the Wind.

Lat 11.28 S Long 113.44 E

Wednesday Dec 13th

Comes in with fresh Gale from Westward and heavy swell from the Eastward the Bark Steering to the North. at Sunset luffed to the wind heading N.E.W. at day light wore ship heading South by W. latter part raining.

No fish

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Thursday Dec 15th

These twenty four hours fresh breeze and squally weather the Bark Steering by the wind to the North at day light wore ship to the Southward. latter part quite moderate let one reef out of the maintop-sail. Let the foresail and Gaff.

Lat 13.25 S Long 111.58 E

Friday Dec 16th

Comes in with fine weather, and fresh breezes from North Steering E by N. latter part Saw a School of Killies and labored for them, without Success. Allen the Sick man about the same

Lat 13.30 S Long 111.58 E

Saturday Dec 17th

This day fine weather and moderate breeze from the North the Bark Standing to the Eastward. Saw porpoises and other small fish, but no Whales.

Lat 13.34 S Long 114.11 E

Sunday December 18

These twenty four hours light trades and clear weather Steering to the Eastward. Saw porpoises and other small fry, but no Whales.

Lat 13.44 S Long 115.08 E

Monday December 19th

Comes in with light breeze from the North East Steering to the Westward middle and latter part Calm. Saw Blackfish, and caught two. Repairing maintop-sail.

Lat 13.18 S Long 115.43 E

Tuesday Dec 20th

These twenty four hours light air from the East the Ship Steering to the Westward. Employed looking out blackfish blubbers, and other work. Saw nothing.

Lat 13.09 S Long 114.53 E