

Cruising off Neale Banks June 1869.

Thursday June 10th

Fair wind moderate from S.E. Have been gaming the bark Atlantic, Capt Carr of N.B. 13 months out of sperm and 360 of whale. I got a letter by her from home dated May 20th 1869. Mr Barber mate of the Atlantic is going to stay all night and Mr Smith our second went there each to game the Capt. A whaling brig is in sight this morning.

Friday June 11th

Fair wind light from S.E. Gaming the Elizabeth and Atlantic. Elizabeth took 150 lbs of sperm since we saw them on Faya de Neale Banks Bird Island or our weather beam.

Saturday June 12th

Fair wind light from S.E. Gaming brig Falcon Capt Richmond 13 months out 200 lbs of sperm. We bought some sweet potatoes and game aboard, also gaming bark greyhound Capt Allen of Westport 13 months out with 325 lbs of sperm.

Sunday June 13th

Fair wind light this A.M. from S.E. steering full and by, but calm P.M. Have been trying to get to Dennis Id. which is in sight there are also two whales in sight.

Monday June 14th

Fair wind moderate from E.S.E. a boat from us went ashore at Bird Id. for eggs also from the Atlantic Elizabeth & Falcon, then brought off a boat load and Mr Gifford who has been ashore for his health, we left the carpenter there he is improving in health. Capt Wicks went aboard the Elizabeth.

Bark John Dawson Capt Asph. J. Wicks. 1869

Tuesday June 15th

Fair wind light from S. Engaged at hauling in various places. Sailed the brig Para Capt Wirth of Salem 450 lbs of sperm this forenoon and evening.

Wednesday June 16th

Fair wind light from N.E. Engaged at making a new mizzen staysail out of a new main spencer. Brasil in sight this evening bearing N.

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Thursday June 17th

Fair wind moderate from S.E. Engaged at making a flying jib out of a new staysail. Came to anchor at Dennis Id. at 12 hours. Got off three coils of rope and coils out main afterboards. A boat from Para came aboard.

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Friday June 18th

Fair wind strong from S.E. Engaged at stowing off the main and after holds. got 2 coils of rope and 40 lbs of water and stored it. The American council at Neale came aboard this forenoon, he is now with the Dennis Id.

Saturday 19th

Fair wind moderate from S.E. Got underway at 6 A.M. Sailed the brig Falcon at 6:30 A.M. and put out of her men aboard, which the brig Para brought from Pungilla they deserted and got caught. American council put they aboard to fetch the the Capt Wicks and Richmond & I went ashore at Bird Id. for eggs and brought the carpenter who is frigate health. Sailed the bark Merlin Capt Allen of N.B. 1 year out with 350 lbs of sperm. her has got his wife and two children. Discharged Napoleon Young and Tom Chaves residents of Neale yesterday.