

Bark A. Kersch's Cruising for Whales

June 20th

Wednesday. First of these 24 hours fine weather & light S E wind sent A. Kersch on shore to day after eggs at night gained with B. H. Plating mid & latter parts blowing a gale saw one sail so ends this day Lat 3.26 Long 55.38

June 21st

Thursday. First of these 24 hours blowing a gale from S E & B H under close reefed topsails mid part much the same latter part more moderate saw one sail to day so ends Lat 3.05 Long 56.08

June 22nd

Friday. First of these 24 hours cloudy weather & a strong breeze from S E & B H heading to the S W mid part much the same latter part fine weather saw Denis Island & 3 sail so ends this day Lat 3.44 Long 55.39

June 23rd

Saturday. First of these 24 hours fine weather & a strong breeze from S E & B H steering by the wind heading E. N. E. mid & latter parts thick weather & passing showers so ends this day Lat 3.24 Long 56.31

June 24th

Sunday. First of these 24 hours cloudy weather & a strong breeze from S E & B H heading S W by W mid & latter parts weather much the same saw one sail at 11 hours. Saw raised the Island of Pashu so ends this day Lat 4.00 Long 56.05

June 25th

Monday. First of these 24 hours fine weather & a strong breeze from S E on sail & the land is right mid & latter parts weather much the same so ends this day Lat 4.14 Long 56.32

June 26th

Tuesday. First of these 24 hours fine weather & a strong breeze from the Southward gained with B. H. Heirnesots mid & latter parts weather much the same so ends this day Lat 4.22 Long 57.13

And the Indian Ocean 1871

June 27th

Wednesday. First of these 24 hours cloudy weather & a strong breeze from S E & B H steering by the wind mid & latter parts weather much the same so ends this day Lat 5.22 Long 56.35

June 28th

Thursday. First of these 24 hours fine weather & a strong breeze from S E & B H steering by the wind mid part took one sail in sight mid & latter parts weather much the same so ends this day Lat 5.36 Long 55.65

Friday

June 29th. First of these 24 hours fine weather & a fresh breeze from the Southward B. H. steering different courses saw Finbacks mid & latter parts weather much the same so ends this day Lat 5.50 Long 54.20

Saturday

June 30th. First of these 24 hours fine weather & a moderate breeze from the Southward B. H. steering to the westward saw Porpoises & several Finbacks mid & latter parts weather much the same at half past 6. Saw raised 4 sperm whales on our weather beam 3 miles off going to windward quick made all sail in chase of them but soon lost sight of them also saw a deal of black fish so ends this day Lat 5.03 Long 53.45

Sunday

July 1st. First of these 24 hours fine weather & light wind from S E & B H under all sail beating to windward saw several Finbacks mid & latter parts weather much the same so ends this day Lat 4.55 Long 53.40

Monday

July 2nd. First of these 24 hours fine weather & a light breeze from S E & B H steering by the wind on different tracks mid & latter parts much the same spoke & gained with B. H. Wearceller so ends this day Lat 5.00 Long 53.42