

Benk. A. Hicks Cruising for Whales

Oct 10th

Wednesday. First of these 24 hours fine weather & light S.W. wind & steering N.E. plenty of Porpoises in sight also saw the Land & one sail mid & latter parts weather much the same so ends this day Lat 16.38 Long 54.21

Oct 11th

Thursday. First of these 24 hours fine weather & calm saw the Land & 3 sail & some Grampuses mid & latter parts weather much the same gamed with 15th Grayhound to day so ends this day Lat 16.34 Long 54.35

Oct 12th

Friday. First of these 24 hours fine weather & light wind & steering different courses saw 4 sail & grampuses also saw the Land mid & latter parts the same. Peter Anderson off duty with a shre foot so ends this day Lat 16.40 Long 54.46

Oct 13th

Saturday. First of these 24 hours fine weather & light S.W. winds & steering E. N.E. plenty of Porpoises & Grampuses round also saw 4 sails the Land mid & latter parts much the same saw a Sulpher bottom & Finback so ends this day Lat 16.35 Long 54.55

Oct 14th

Sunday. First of these 24 hours fine weather & light variable winds & calm mid & latter parts weather much the same. Peter Anderson came on duty to day so ends this day Lat 16.32 Long 54.44

Oct 15th

Monday. First of these 24 hours fine weather & calm 2 sail & the Land in sight mid & latter parts much the same saw 2 Finbacks Grampuses & Porpoises so ends this day Lat 16.36 Long 54.50

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Oct 16th

Tuesday. First of these 24 hours fine weather & light breeze from S.W. & steering different courses 1 sail in sight mid & latter parts fresh breeze from S.W. & steering different courses so ends this day Lat 16.38 Long 54.36

Oct 17th

Wednesday. First of these 24 hours fine weather & a fresh breeze from S.W. & steering different courses saw a Finback 2 sails the Land mid & latter parts calm repaired main top sail to day so ends this day Lat 16.40 Long 54.50

Oct 18th

Thursday. First of these 24 hours fine weather & calm one sail & a steamer in sight also saw a Finback Grampuses & Porpoises mid & latter parts strong breeze so ends this day Lat 16.40 Long 54.52

Oct 19th

Friday. First of these 24 hours cloudy weather & passing showers & steering by the wind 3 sails the Land in sight mid & latter parts weather much the same so ends this day Lat 16.04 Long 54.24

Oct 20th

Saturday. First of these 24 hours fine weather & a fresh breeze from N.E. & steering different courses saw a period whales fouled for them & the waist & starboard Boats both got fast got them alongside at 6 P.M. began cutting at 6 A.M. & finished at 9 got some Ambergris out of one of our whales so ends this day Lat 16.32 Long 54.52

Oct 21st

Sunday. First of these 24 hours blowing fresh from the Eastward & steering by the wind hands employed boiling saw breaches ran for them but never saw them again mid & latter parts calm so ends this day Lat 16.53 Long 54.28