

Bark Meabel Cruising on New Holland

1878.



Saturday June 1st These twenty four hours fine weather and moderate breeze from the Northward the Bark on different tacks. one vessel in sight. Looked for Blackfish without success. Saw a few finbacks.
Lat 26° 32' S Long 108° 33' E

Sunday June 2nd First part of this day good weather and light winds from the westward steering to the Southward. Saw nothing of importance.
Lat 27° 24' S Long 109° 08' E



Tuesday June 4th This day comes in with good weather and moderate breeze from the S.E. at 8 A.M. saw Whales going N.W. Lowered about 9 A.M. The second mate had a Whale missed with a good chance. The mate struck and saved and got him to the ship about noon. Waist Boat slightly stoven got dinner and raised the spence and got the jaw in and made fast for the night.
Lat 25° 57' S Long 108° 10' E

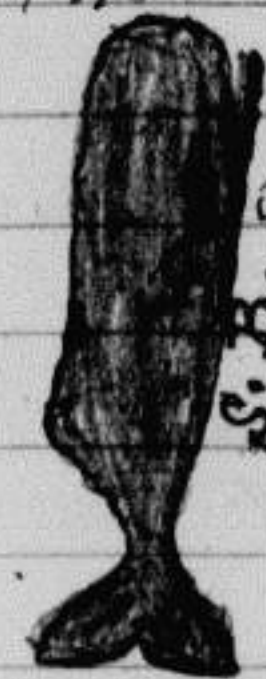
Wednesday June 5th This day strong trades and rough sea on all hands. Employed cutting gunwale about 6 P.M. and got supper and set the watch.
Lat 25° 30' S Long 108° 48' E

Friday June 7th These twenty four hours fine weather and moderate breeze. The Bark under short sail boiling. Ends with rough weather and squally saw nothing.
Lat 26° 32' S Long 107° 30' E

Thursday June 11th The last five days has been rough weather and strong trade winds the Bark under short sail on the starboard tack. This morning wore ship and went to work stowing down oil in the fore hold.
Lat 24° 20' S Long 108° 30'

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Thursday June 13th This day comes in with good weather and moderate breeze from the North. The Bark steering to the S.E. at 8 A.M. saw sperm Whales & lowered all three Boats. the Starboard Boat struck and saved a whale got him alongside about dark. The Starboard Boat. Capsized lost his line. but the saved the whale.
Lat 25° 48' S Long 108° 40' E

Friday June 14th Comes in with fine weather light breeze from N.E. all hands Employed cutting finished about 3 P.M. Ends with fine weather. Saw Breaches. Could not make out what they were.
Lat 26° 07' S Long 108° 38' E

Saturday June 15th These twenty four hours fine weather light winds from N.E. heading to the S.E. at noon were round heading to the North. Saw finbacks and porpoises. the watch Employed boiling.
Lat 26° 40' S Long 108° 30' E

Sunday June 17th These twenty four hours good weather and light winds the Bark on the Port tack heading to the North. Saw nothing of importance. Employed stowing down oil in the main hatchway.
Lat 27° 00' S Long 108° 30'

Tuesday June 18th This day good weather and light winds from S.W. steering N.W. Middle and latter part much the same. Saw finbacks. finbacks finished stowing oil in the fore hold.
Lat 26° 00' S Long 108° 46' E

Thursday June 20th This day fine weather and moderate breezes from South the Bark on different tacks. Saw a few finbacks. Coiled a new line for the Starboard Boat. Employed making Spungum.
Lat 25° 30' S Long 109° 01'