

Bark Mabel Cruising on New Holland

1879

Sunday Sept 7th This day fine weather and moderate breeze from S.E. all hands employed. Cutting in. Cooked on after breakfast, and finished about 8.30 P.M.
Lat. 28° 04' S Long 108° 50' E

Monday Sept 8th These twenty four hours good weather and moderate breeze from E.N.E. Employed clearing up, bailing Cakes and getting ready for boiling. Saw finbacks. Commenced boiling at 8 P.M. Lat. 28° 01' S Long 108° 50' E

Tuesday Sept 9th Comes in with bad weather and smart gale from N.W. with heavy sea. Employed boiling heads. Latter part, heavy squally. Clewed up the foretop sail and lay under close reef. Main and fore stay sail. Exchanged signals with a Dutch Bark,
Lat. 27° 55' S Long 109° 00' E

Wednesday Sept 10th This day continues bad weather the wind backing into the N. by N. with a very heavy swell. Employed boiling, and breaking out for Cakes. Opened a cask of Bread. Emptied a cask of Java Sugar.
Lat. 27° 42' S Long 109° 09' E

Thursday Sept 11th These twenty four hours continues rough weather and heavy sea. Wind from W.N.W. Employed boiling finished about 10 P.M. Latter part the wind veering to the S.W. nothing seen.
Lat. 27° 05' S Long 109° 33' E

Friday Sept 12th Strong Westerly winds veering to the South with a heavy swell. All hands employed stowing down oil in the main hatch way. Got along rather slow on account of head running bad owing to cold weather.
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Saturday Sept 13th This day good weather and fresh breeze from S.E. The Bark standing to the S.W. finished stowing down oil, got through about 4 P.M. stowed down about 85 bbl. Spum.
Lat. 27° 05' S Long 108° 32' E

Sunday Sept 14th This day good weather and fresh breeze from S.W. the Bark steering to the S.W. by the wind. Saw birds and finbacks. Ends with fine weather.
Lat. 27° 54' S Long 107° 33' E

Monday Sept 15th This day Comes in with light winds from E.N.E. The Bark standing to the S.W. South. Saw finbacks. Employed breaking out in the after hold for Molasses. Butter & flour. Took in the waist Boat for repairs. Put a out a new Boat in her place.
Lat. 28° 47' S Long 107° 02' E

Wednesday Sept 17 This day Strong trade wind the Bark steering to the Eastward. Saw a few finbacks. Sifted &c. Employed repairing the waist Boat.
Lat. 28° 15' S Long 109° 00' E

Saturday Sept 20th Comes in with squally weather. The Bark under short sail. yesterday blowing hard from S.W. The Bark lying to under close reef main topsail. This morning commenced working on waist Boat finished repairing. & painted her inside saw nothing.
Lat. 28° 05' S Long 107° 50' E

Monday Sept 22 This day fresh gale from South. The Bark steering off N.E. under double reef. Employed caulking the two gunter boats. at sunset backed to the wind to the E.S. saw one finback.
Lat. 27° 30' S Long 109° 50' E