

Bark Mabel Cruising on Vaguer Ground

1880

Saturday June 5th This day Comes in with moderate breeze from S.W. heading on the Starboard tack Employed hauling finished about daylight, bath part cleaning up saw nothing
No obs.

Sunday June 6th This day fine weather and moderate breeze from S.E. the Bark on the Southern tack. The last two days Employed stowing down oil in the lower after hold. yesterday bad weather with much rain. finished stowing down about 3 P.M.
Lat 25° 29' Long 173° 04'

Monday June 7th This day fine weather and moderate breeze the Bark standing to the South. Employed repairing the Waist Boat. Saw Squid.
Lat 26° 13' Long 174° 19'

Tuesday June 8th Comes in with fresh trade winds. The Bark steering to the Southward. Employed repairing the Waist Boat. finished and painted her inside. One vessel in sight steering to the N.W.
Lat 27° 13' Long 174° 49'

Wednesday June 9th This day Comes in with good weather and strong Westward wind the Bark steering East at 10 A.M. raised a large Whale going to the Windward. lowered for him with three Boats without Success. at 2 P.M. took up the Boat.
Lat 26° 39' Long 170° 58'

Thursday June 10th This day Comes in with moderate breeze from N.E. the Bark by the wind heading N by W at 4 P.M. sighted Roxburg Island bearing S.E. 35 miles dist. Lat 21° 39' Long 160° 30'

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Monday June 28th This day Comes in with moderate breeze from South. The Bark steering to by South. Yesterday stood in to an island within 2 miles. Supposed to be Rarotonga. The Lat. & Long by Chron. agreed exactly with where this Island is laid down on the Chart. But there is also another Island laid down 18 miles South from Rarotonga called Roxburg Island. This Island we could not see. So I thought our Chronometer was out. and supposed we were one degree more to the West which would bring us right for Armstrongs Island. I kept her away East for Rarotonga. At 8 A.M. took a launch and finding it agree with the Chronometer, put back again for the Island. at sunset went Ship off shore the Island about 3 miles dist. I think if there is such an Island as Roxburg it is not correctly placed on the Chart. This day ends with rainy and squally weather. Saw a Ship to the N.E. a Schooner.

Lat 21° 17' Long by Chron. 159° 51'
Long by Lunar 158° 58'

Tuesday June 29th These twenty four hours fine weather and moderate breeze from S.E. at daylight run down for the Island and hove aback. lowered a boat and went on shore about 10 A.M. returned on board and brought the Ship to anchor in 17 fathoms and furled the sails. After dinner took a raft of 7 baskets ashore and filled with water also some eggs and bunches oranges onions &c.

Wednesday July 6th This day fine weather and moderate breeze from N.E. yesterday morning got under weigh with moderate breeze. latter part luffing off and on. Sheppard & Men. had nine run away. two more wanted to go but could not get things to work right. Ends with fine weather. The Course S.W. at sunset the Island bearing N.E. about 20 miles.