

Bark Mabel Cruising on Pasques Ground

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July 10th Saturday This day Comes in with Strong trade winds the Bark Steering S.W. by W. Middle part rainy ends with better weather. Saw a breach twice run for it but saw no more of it on main off duty sick
Lat 23° 42' S Long 174° 10' W

Sunday July 13th The last week has passed away without anything of note taking place. There has been fresh trade winds the last three days and poor seeing. This day good weather and moderate breeze from S.E. heading by the wind to the Southwards. Saw two or three finbacks.
Lat 25° 47' S Long 173° 34' W

Thursday July 22nd These twenty four hours fine weather and moderate breeze from the North the Bark working to the South West. Employed overhauling blocks. Saw porpoises and finbacks.
Lat 28° 01' S Long 174° 45' W

Sunday July 25th The last two days blowing strong gale from North. to S.W. This morning wind from South with heavy sea and rising barometer. The Bark hove to on the Port tack under close reef main topsail. Some Cape pigeons and other small birds.
Lat 27° 40' S Long 174° 20' W

Sunday August 8th Comes in with a gale of wind from N.W. the Bark lying to on the Port tack under close reef main top sail and staysails yesterday Sunday Island in sight bearing South 20 miles dist. These are daylight hours have seen nothing since leaving Rorotonga
Lat 28° 38' S Long 177° 04' W

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Sunday Aug 15th This day Comes in with good weather and strong breeze from S.W. The Bark on the Port tack heading West. The last week has passed away without seeing anything of importance. We have had rough weather and bad seeing. The time is passing away rapidly and getting no oil. I hope there will soon be a change for the better
Lat 30° 10' S Long 170° 50' E

Wednesday Aug 20th This day Comes in with good weather and moderate breeze from S.E. the Bark steering S.W. by W. our vessel in sight a Boy steering the same course - Employed repairing the fore topsail last Sunday with heavy Gale but not very severe
Lat 32° 07' S Long 170° 30' E

Monday Aug 30th These twenty four hours Gale from the Westwards. The Bark at the Starboard tack heading to the N.W. under Short Sail Ends with better weather. plenty of birds sound and some finbacks.
Lat 31° 55' S Long by Chron 166° 30' E
by sun etc 166° 25' E

Sunday Sept 6th The last week has passed away with fine weather and light breeze. nothing of importance seen a few finbacks and porpoises. This day light breeze from S.E. the Bark steering S.S.W. Ends with fine weather.
Lat 33° 28' S Long 161° 40' E

Sunday Sept 13th Comes in with strong breeze from N.E. The Bark steering by the wind on the Starboard tack. Middle part squally. At daylight made sail. at 7 a.m. saw the land bearing W. 35 miles dist off Jarvis Bay. 4 vessels in sight one steamer and plenty of finbacks and birds.
Lat 35° 45' S Long 151° 00' E