

Bark Mabel Cruising off Jarvis Bay Australia

Sept
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Thursday Sept 23rd This day fine weather and moderate breeze from the N.W. the Bark on the wind to the W.S.W. one vessel in sight. Saw plenty of birds and finbacks. Yesterday Blowing a hard gale from S.W. The Bark on the port tack under fore topmast staysail and Mizzen staysail saw one vessel
Lat 36°25' S Long 152°15' E.

Friday Sept 24th These twenty four hours fine weather and moderate breeze from North steering W. The land in sight. Saw finback and with strong Northerly winds. Two vessels in sight. Exchanged signals with an English Man of war. Steamer
Lat 36°24' S Long 152°14' E.

Saturday Oct 2nd The last week has passed away without seeing anything of importance a few finbacks porpoises and plenty of bird Wednesday. Thursday and Friday experienced a gale from South. This day fine weather all sail out steering in for the land. May the Lord soon send us some Whales. for I am very tired waiting and hoping. This day opened our last cask pork Lat 35°44' S Long 152°00' E.

Sunday Oct 3rd This day comes in with strong Gales S.W. The Bark heading W.N.W. Middle part more moderate. Ends with Gale from W.N.W. one sail in sight
Lat 35°44' S Long 151°58' E.

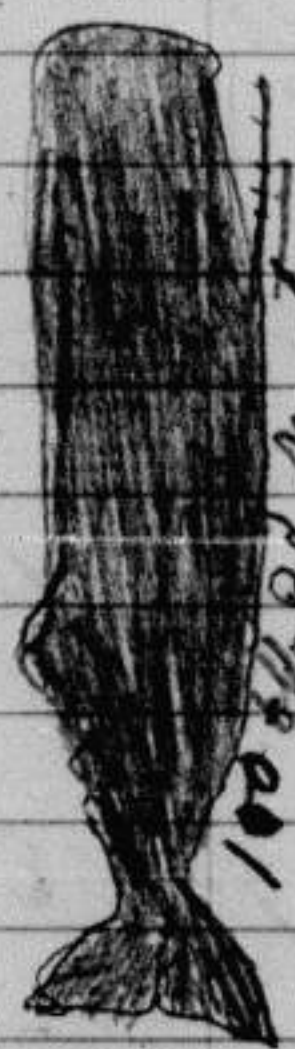
Thursday Oct 7th These twenty four hours fine weather and moderate breeze from N.W. The Bark steering W. The land in sight. Lowered the Boats for a School of Killers. and darted at one with a poor Chance did not get fast. one vessel in sight
Lat 35°30' S Long 151°45' E.

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Sunday October 18th This day comes in with good weather and moderate breeze from S.E. the Bark heading E.N.E. plenty of birds. finbacks. and other small fry in sight. Yesterday saw two seals. This seems a new dry Ground at present.
Lat 36°17' S Long 152°34' E.

Tuesday Nov 4th The last three weeks ^{have} disappeared without seeing the face of a sperm whale. We have cut over the ground off Jarvis Bay in shore and off shore from Port Jackson to the Demedary, without any encouragement. We are now on the Middle Grounds. Cruising but it looks the same. two weeks ago spoke the Robert Howe Bar. 2 weeks from Hobart Town with nothing
Lat 36°00' S Long 152°00' E.



Friday Nov 5th This day comes in with good weather and light winds from S.E.W. the Bark standing to the Westward. At 7 AM. raised a lone whale not going much. Lowered the three Boats in chase. The star. the 3rd boat struck and saved the whale. got him alongside about 1 P.M. and commenced cutting. Raised the piece got the jaw in and head cut half off. Made all fast for the night so ends a good days work.
Lat 35°30' S Long 152°25' E.

Saturday Nov 6th These twenty four hours fine weather and light winds all hands employed cutting in got the body in and junk on deck about dark and got supper. Set the watch. one vessel in sight
Lat 35°13' S Long 152°27' E.