

Bank Stars of New Bedford in the Pacific Ocean May 1844

Monday April 8th 1844

Commences with a gale from South to West with heavy squalls tried to carry some sail 3 PM took in the reef fore sail at 4 PM blew with violence took in fore top and stay sail and main top sail by the reef of the 24 hours under close reef all top and fore top sail blowing with the greater violence high sea turned up the fore quarter boat the shore 2 to windward Bar rising 29.08 4/9
Lat Obs 32-02 N by 154-49 Lon very strong current setting to the West

Tuesday April 9th 1844

Commences with a heavy gale from NW squally lying under close reef all top sail fore top sail middle so some heavy squalls but more moderate at 6 AM we fore top stay sail main top sail at 11 AM reef fore sail Bar 29.09 not much current Lat Obs 31-22 N by 154 14 E bar

Wednesday April 10th 1844

Commences with a heavy gale high sea and squally under close reef all top sail reef fore sail storm top sails at 6 AM wore ship to West took in the main top sail at 12 AM wore to the West at day light moderated but squally at reef sail close reef fore top sail at 10 AM saw the land Smithy Cape Australia headed in to the West the rest of the day wind SSW to SW Bar 29.08 7/9
Lat Obs 31-00 N by 153-38 Lon and nearly correct by the chron

Thursday April 11th 1844

Commences with freshening and strong gales from South middle light freshening air but not calm at 4 PM heaved to the East the land 15 miles saw a sail off shore of us but a boat still 29.09
Lat Obs 31-45 N by 153-39 E bar

Friday April 12th 1844

These 24 hours begins with a calm the land just in sight at sundown at 6 took a moderate heat at night at all sail stowed to the West had moderate breeze the rest 24 hours at 6 AM we fore top sail steering sail the land in sight from deck at 10 PM Lat Obs 33-04 N by 152-09 bar

Saturday April 13th 1844

Commences with light breeze from NW slowly hauled in to the West NW top sail strong sail at 1 PM bore too to run down in the morning did back after having thick hollies and rainy night but little wind at 4 PM breeze from the South made wind headed to the West got in near the land calm at ship and ship in sight Bar 29.07
Lat Obs 33-17 N by 151-30 rather 6 PM bar

Sunday April 14th 1844

These 24 hours begins with light air from the East all sail in the boat with a steam boat and ship at 5 Calm near the shore at 7 AM the light at Port Jackson bearing NW by East at 9 AM a breeze from North hauled round to South before day light squally with lightning and the west part fair ends with a calm at 12 PM light breeze West but 33-57 N by 151-45 bar
Lon in a boat 10 miles to the West