

Journal of the Ship Mary Fraser 1861

Sunday Jan the 29

This day commences with light breezes from NE. Mid part the same raining severe later part fine weather and boiling thus ends the day.

Lat 14 32 Long 148 03 W

Monday Jan the 30

This day commences with light breezes from NE. at 2 PM freshened boiling the body about 50 fms. Mid and later parts calm boiling thus ends the day.

Lat 14 30 S Long 148 01 W

Tuesday Jan the 31

This day commences calm Mid part the same finished boiling turned up 80 fms. Later part opened abt. 10 PM. gent down the foremast mast badly sprung at 10 PM raised a school of Spinn Whales at noon lowered for them thus ends the day.

Lat 14 35 S Long 147 56 W

Wednesday Feb the 1

This day commences with light breezes from SW. at 2 PM the West boat struck and parted from a whale the Harbour boat struck and then Starboard and West boats struck again each boat got a whale at 8 PM got them alongside the band in sight to the SE.

15 fms. Dist. Mid part heading of shore. Mid later part strong breeze from W with squalls at 5 PM commences cutting took out 8 bags of flour thus ends the day.

Lat 14 23 S Long 147 40 W

Thursday Feb the 2

This day commences with strong breeze from W at 2 PM freshened cutting cleared up decks and got out some rope. Mid part strong and with rain at 5 PM commences boiling later part strong breeze from W thus ends the day.

Lat 14 11 S

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Friday Feb the 3

This day commences with strong breeze from W with rain squally and boiling. Mid part from 11 AM to 1 PM had to cool down for rain later part boiling again thus ends the day.

Lat 13 46 S

Saturday Feb the 4

This day commences with strong breezes and rain squalls from NW to W. Mid and later part the same and boiling thus ends the day.

Lat 14 30 S

Sunday Feb the 5

This day commences with strong breeze from NW at 6 PM freshened boiling turned up 60 fms. Mid and later parts strong and stormy from W to NW no observations thus ends the day.

Lat 14 30 S

Monday Feb the 6

This day commences with strong breeze and rain storm from NW. Mid and later part moderate and light from W thick and hazy. at noon cleared of some thus ends the day.

Lat 14 30 S Long 146 56 W

Tuesday Feb the 7

This day commences with light breeze from SE. Steered off to the SW at 5 PM saw a school of Spinn Whales going to the SE lowered without success right overhead as Mid and later parts light from SE to W and sun ends the day.

Lat 14 46 S Long

Wednesday Feb the 8

This day commences with light breezes from SE. Mid part the same at daylight saw Purick's Island bearing SE 12 miles. Lat strong down Spinn Out on paper later part calm thus ends the day.

Lat 15 08 S Long 147 05 W