

Journal of Bark *Amathus*
Bound to the West Coast of Africa
Thursday Dec. 15th 1841

Lat. S. First part strong breeze from S.E. 4. 50
Long. W. and clear weather. Middle part fresh breeze from S.E. and one or two light showers of rain. Latter part fresh breeze at 3 P.M. put the Bark on the Starboard tack. Wind S.E. Bark heading East and E. by N. saw one sail steering to the Southward, on the Port tack at 8.30 P.M. tacked ship again and steered by the wind heading S.E. W.

Friday Dec. 16th

Lat. S. First part light breeze and pleasant 5. 50
Long. W. Wind from S.E. to S.E. Bark on the Port tack heading from S.W. to S.E. Middle part the same. Latter part light breeze at 2 P.M. tacked ship and steered by the wind heading about E. by N. at 4 P.M. tacked again and heading about S.E. W. saw three sails during the day two of them steering to the Northward and one to the Southward.

Saturday Dec. 17th

Lat. S. First part light breeze from about S.E. 6. 52
Long. W. Middle part light breeze and pleasant about 6 A.M. raised anchor off the low beam the Coast of Brazil stood in shore on the Port tack until about 12 noon and then tacked off shore. Bark heading E. N. E. on Starboard tack at about 2 P.M. tacked again steered by the wind heading S.E. W. saw several sails during the day.

Sunday Dec. 18th

Lat. S. These 24 hours light breeze and pleasant 7. 56
Long. W. the Bark steering by the wind on the Port tack heading about South West about E. S. E. the most of the time land in sight all day and saw several sails

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Monday Dec. 19th 1841

First part light breeze and pleasant. Wind E. S. Bark heading S. E. Middle part light breeze and some squalls of rain. Latter part light breeze and pleasant at 3.30 P.M. raised anchor off the low beam steered for it called it sperm whales at about 4.30. lowered all three Boats for them but found them to be Killer Boats came on board at 5.40 P.M. the crew employed in overhauling and repairing footropes and lifts during the day.

Tuesday Dec. 20th

These 24 hours light winds from E. by S. the Bark steering by the wind and the Port tack heading S. E. the crew employed in repairing footropes and stepping fore and mainmast base blocks during the day saw one sail steering to the S. W. so ends.

Wednesday Dec. 21st

These 24 hours light breeze and pleasant wind from East and E. by S. the Bark steering S. E. under all sail. Broke out some heavy cargo and overhauled Boats tackle blocks during the day.

Thursday Dec. 22nd

First part fresh breeze from about E. Middle part light breeze from N. E. Latter part light air from N. the crew employed during the day overhauling blocks saw two sails during the day steering to the Southward so ends.