

Journal of Bark Matapoisett of
Cruising off Ascension Island
Thursday Dec- 30th 1882

These 24 hours light breeze from S. E.
the Bark steering by the wind on the Starboard
tack heading N. E. unbent the foretop-sail
and bent an old one in its place Robert
Gray still off duty

Friday Dec- 31st
The first part of these 24 hours light
breeze and fine weather better part fresh
breeze from S. E. fine weather 1 P. M. sighted
the Island the Bark steering by the wind
on the Starboard tack at sunset put
the Bark on the Port tack and steered
by the wind the Island bearing N. E.
Robert Gray still off duty

Saturday Jan- 1st 1883
These 24 hours fresh breeze from about
S. the Bark steering by the wind on the
Starboard tack saw five sails and the
Island and two schools of Porpoises this day
Robert Gray came on duty

Sunday Jan- 2nd
These 24 hours fresh breeze and fine
weather Wind S. E. the Bark steering by
the wind on the Port tack saw
the Island and saw two sails at sunset
the Island bearing N. W. W. distance 20
miles unbent the foretop-sail and re-
pared it and bent it again during the day

Wednesday Jan- 3rd
These 24 hours strong breeze from S. E.
at daylight put the Bark on the Starboard
tack and steered by the wind. some
light showers of rain during the day
the Island in sight all day and
saw two sails at sunset the Island
bearing N. W. by W.

New Bedford Capt. A. L. Stickney
Cruising off Ascension Island
Thursday Jan- 4th 1883

These 24 hours strong breeze from S. E.
with fine weather the Bark steering by
the wind on the Port tack the Island
in sight all day saw three sails
unbent the jib and re-
pared it and bent it again 10 P. M. saw a sail

Friday Jan- 5th
These 24 hours fresh breeze from S. E.
the Bark steering by the wind on the
Port tack until sunset then put
her on the Starboard tack unbent the
foretop-sail and re-
pared it and bent it again

Saturday Jan- 6th
These 24 hours light breeze and fine
weather wind from S. E. the Bark steering by
the wind on the Starboard tack heading
E. by N. at sunset took in the light sails
so ended this day

Sunday Jan- 7th
These 24 hours fresh breeze from S. E. the
Bark steering by the wind saw several sails
during the day and saw the Island about
8 P. M. spoke the Bark Stifford of New
Bedford Capt. King and passed until 8 P. M.
so ended

Monday Jan- 8th
These 24 hours fresh breeze with fine weather
the Bark steering by the wind at 6 P. M. A. M.
saw two Sperm Whales off the bow bow going
to the windward gulls hovered the two
quarters Boats for them about 10 A. M. the
second water Boat struck slightly and
at the same time got his Boat badly stuck
and rolled over the Starboard Boat picked them
up and got the stern boat to the ship about
4 P. M. and took her in on deck at night on the Starboard