

Journal of Bark Matthews

Cruising off Assumption Island

Saturday Jan 20th 1883

These 24 hours light breeze from S.E. with fine weather at daylight put the Bark on the Starboard tack at 9.30. Steered N.E. and at 12 noon steered off W. by N. at sunset sighted the Whaler bearing W. by N. Towed the Bark to the wind gave the Port tack and took in the light sails for the night

Sunday Jan 21st

This 24 hours light breeze from S.E. the Bark steering different courses saw the Island all day and saw three sails at about 5 P.M. saw two Bark Whaling at about 5.30 P.M. gained the Bark A.R. Tucker of New Bedford Capt. Sifford gained until 10 P.M. at night the Bark steering by the wind on the Starboard tack under all sail so ends

Monday Jan 22nd

These 24 hours light breeze with fine weather the Bark steering by the wind saw three or four sails about 10 A.M. gained with the Bark A.R. Tucker and gave her a Case of Bread and took some Beef in return about 11.30. saw two Barks a Whaling lowered two Boats but got nothing finished gaining about 2 P.M. so ends steering by the wind at night

Tuesday Jan 23rd

The first part of this day fresh breeze with fine weather saw 5 sails and the Island latter part light breeze about 4 P.M. saw the Bark A.R. Tucker Whaling at 4.30 saw the Whaler and lowered but did not get to them the Tucker Boats gathered them and they went to Winchester Boats got on board at sunset so ends

of New Bedford Capt. A. L. Stuckney

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Wednesday Jan 24th 1883

These 24 hours light breeze and fine weather the Bark steering by windward saw three and four sails and 4 or 5 sails the Island in sight all day bearing about W. by N. at sunset so ends

Thursday Jan 25th

These 24 hours light breeze from S.E. with fine weather the Bark steering by the wind at 8 A.M. but the Bark on the Port tack the Island in sight all day saw four or five sails so ends

Friday Jan 26th

These 24 hours light breeze from S.E. with fine weather the Bark steering by the wind on the Starboard tack after 4 A.M. saw the Island at sunset bearing N.W. so ends

Saturday Jan 27th

These 24 hours light breeze from S.E. to E.N.E. with a little rain by spells the Bark steering by the wind on the Port tack until 4.30 P.M. then put her on the Starboard tack saw the Island and two sails during the day

Sunday Jan 28th

These 24 hours light breeze from E.S.E. with fine weather the Bark steering by the wind on the Port tack during the day at sunset took in the light sails saw the Island and one sail during the day so ends

The Island in sight - 20 miles Distance