

Bark Mermaid Cruising for Whales.

Saturday October 22nd 1870. This day Comes in with fresh westerly gales the Bark steering to the S.W. at 10 AM saw Chatham Island bearing N.E. 10 miles dist saw no fish

Sunday Oct 23. Comes in with good weather the Bark steering by the wind on different tacks Middle and latter part about the same at 10 AM saw Whales going to the S.W. lowered three Boats without success. latter part spoke the Swallow Bald head bearing N. 18 miles dist

Monday Oct 24. Steering by the wind on different tacks saw nothing spoke the Fox Group. Ends with fine weather Bald head bearing North

Tuesday Oct 25th This day Comes in with good weather and Easterly winds the Bark heading to the North at 9 AM saw the Swallow Whaling at noon lowered for the whales and got on to the S Boat Eclipse Island bearing N. 15 miles

Monday Oct 31st Comes in with fine weather and light Easterly winds the Bark steering to the North at 7 AM saw a lone whale going quick to the S.W. lowered for him with three Boats got nothing. no chance at noon Bald head bearing N.W. 25 miles Dist Lat.

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Monday Nov 7th Comes in with good weather and moderate breeze from the S.W. the Bark heading S.W. at 5 P.M. saw a lone Whale going quick to the S.W. lowered for them and got nearly on when killers got among them and galled him

Tuesday Nov 31st This day Comes in with fresh breeze and good weather the Bark steering by the wind to the South at 7 AM saw a lone whale going to the windward lowered for him with two boats. the Starboard boat got nearly on when killers Come to the whale and drove him down and got nothing

Thursday Nov 30th Comes in with good weather and moderate breeze from E.S.E. at 7 AM saw a large whale going to the Westward lowered three boats the Starboard boat struck. The whale run to the windward could not get near them Cut time Bald Island bearing N. 15 miles

Sunday Dec 5th This day fine weather and light Easterly winds 3 ships in sight two cutting one boiling a whale taken last Thursday at S. Pelle. lowered for a large Whale which had been struck by a Hobartown Bark. the whale went off quick to the windward. Bald Island N. 15 miles

Dec 8th This day fine weather at S. Pelle. saw whales and lowered all four boats got nothing no chance whales going to windward Cape Knob bearing N. 12 miles