

Bark *Mermaid* Cruising on the South Coast



Tuesday Dec 27th 1870. Comes in with fresh breeze from S.W. The Bark on different tacks. Saw Whales about 5 P.M. going N.W. lowered all four boats the larboard boat struck and saved a large Whale got him to the ship about 9 P.M. Made all fast for the night next morning hooked on and tried to cut. took in the jaw gave it up the weather quite rough.

Bald Head bearing N. 15 miles

Wednesday December 28th This day strong breeze from S.W. the Bark laying too with a whale alongside too rough to cut Cape Snob bearing N about 15 miles off. wind blowing right on shore



Thursday Dec 29th Comes in with good weather the Bark with a whale alongside at daylight commenced cutting finished about 3 P.M. at 4 P.M. saw Whales going quick to the Westward did not lower no chance
Long 120.30 N. the Sound 12 miles



Wednesday March 22nd 1871. This day Comes in with light breeze from South the Bark steering N.W. middle part fine weather at 7 A.M. saw Whales going slow to the South towards all the Boats the waist boat went up to a large Whale and did not fasten Choused until dark the Whales went off to the South

Lat 26.00 Long 117.45 E

Bark *Mermaid* Cruising on the west Coast



Tuesday June 13th 1870 This day Comes in with light S.E. winds the Bark heading to the South at 4 P.M. saw two large Whales going to windward. lowered for them with three boats did not get near them, no chance
Lat 26.53 Long 108.12 E

Tuesday Aug 8th This day Comes in with light breeze from E.S. the Bark steering by the winds to the S. Eastward. We have been in the tracks of Lunda 9 days getting wood and water, 100. Peels gave 10 pieces Sweet potatoes 500 lbs Sugar Yamiruch and Bananas. pumpkins, Fowls and 2c. got under weigh this morning with a light breeze at sunset the South end of Pomas Islands bearing East about 10 miles dist

Wednesday Aug 10th This day Comes in with good weather and moderate breeze from North the Bark steering S.E. middle and latter part much the same saw a few finbacks ends with rainy weather

Lat 24.10 Long 105.00

Sunday Aug 20th This day fine weather and moderate breeze from the Eastward. Bark steering South with all sail out Friday saw a Bark steering to the North. one man sick.

Lat 26.30 Long 108.10 E

Monday Aug 21st This day Comes in with good weather and moderate breeze from East the Bark steering South. middle part about the same. Saw a few finbacks. ends with fine weather. at 3 P.M. tacked to the Eastward
Lat 27.33 Long 107.25