

Bark Mermaid Cruising on the West Coast

Wednesday Aug 23rd This day Comes in with fresh breeze from S.W. the Bark steering E.S.E. Saw finbacks yesterday repaired Gafftopsail.

Lat 27.50 Long 109.15 E
Leaving 109.00

Friday Aug 25th This day Comes in with light winds from the Southward the Bark on the Starboard to the S.W. at 9 A.M. Saw a School of Whales going N.W. Lowered three boats for them the winds shifted to the westward and the whales went off to the windward. took up the Boats and were ship to the North at 4 P.M. spoke the Vigilante. Saw a large Whale going to Windward about 5 P.M. no chance one man off duty sick

Lat 28.00 Long 109.45 E

Sunday Aug 27 Comes in with fresh breeze from the Westward the Bark steering to the S.W. under double reef. Saw finbacks one sail in sight to the windward. supposed to be the Canton. The sick man some better.

Lat 27.30 Long 109.45 E

Thursday Aug 29th This day fine weather and fresh breeze from the South the Bark steering on different tacks Middle and latter part about the same two vessels in sight

Wednesday spoke the Humbolt & Canton
Lat 27.00 Long 108.44

Sunday Sept 3rd This day Comes in with fine weather and moderate breezes middle and latter part nearly Calm the Bark on different tacks. Middle part steering to the S.E. three vessels in sight. yesterday spoke the Gunner Vrepper, Canton & the Humbolt Ends with Calms.

Lat 27.34 Long 107.51 E

Tuesday Sept 13th Comes in with fresh breeze from S.E. the Bark standing to the S.W. at 10 A.M. Saw Whales going slow to the S.W. Lowered for them with three Boats the Starboard and waist Boat struck the Starboard Boat. the 4th mate took the Mate whale and killed him and saved him. got him alongside at 3 P.M. latter part Cutting in

Lat 27.35 Long 108.40 E

Bark Mermaid Cruising for Whales

Sunday Nov 20th 1871 This day Comes in with good weather and moderate breeze from S.W. at 6 A.M. Saw the Swallow whaling. Lowered all the Boats about 9 A.M. the Bow boat struck and saved a 70 bbl Whale got him to the ship about noon two boats off in Chase. Commenced Cutting about 2 P.M. got the head off and body in at 9 P.M. at noon Balde Island bearing N.W. about 15 miles dist.



Thursday Jan 25th 1872 This day fine weather and moderate breeze from the S.S.W. at 7 A.M. Saw the Canton Chasing Whales. Made all sail and tried to get to them three other vessels in sight at 3 P.M. Lowered for the whales. Match with the Swallow. Struck one and drewed started at another did not fasten.

Lat 35.40 Long 117.00

Friday Jan 26th Comes in with good weather and moderate breeze from S.S.W. steering on different tacks at 3 P.M. Saw the Humbolt Whaling. at 3 P.M. Lowered. Struck about sunset and drewed after taking out about 50 fathoms line

Lat 35.30 Long 115.00 W

Tuesday Jan 30th This day fine weather and moderate breeze from S.E. steering by the wind on different tacks at 9 A.M. the Lancer set Colors for Whales. Lowered our boats in Chase at 3 P.M. Waist boat struck and first iron drewed and cut the short warp lost the Whale

Lat 35.18 Long 115.30 E

