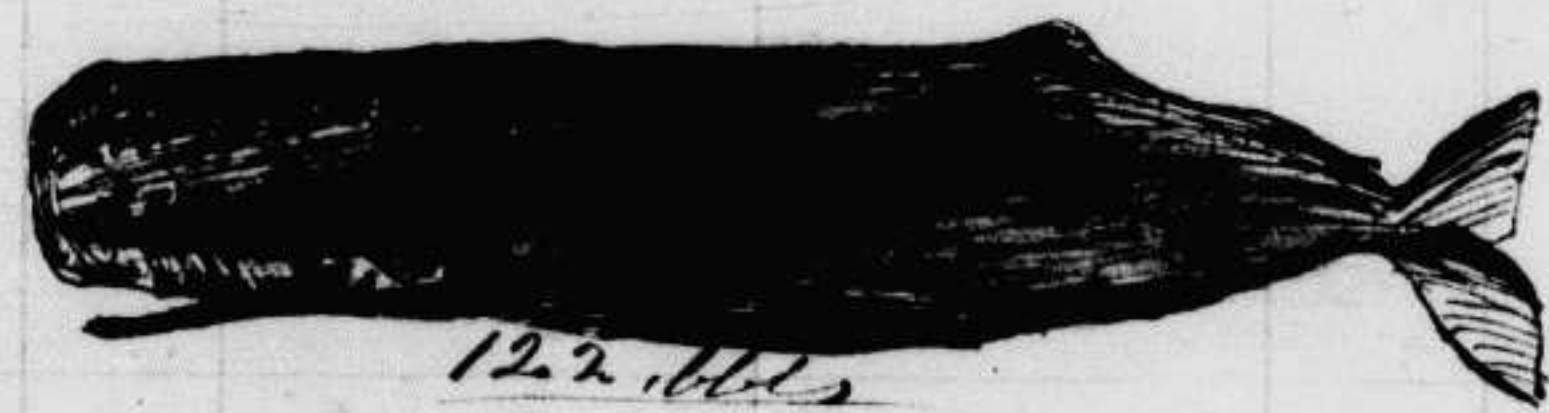


Bark Mermaid Cruising on the South Coast

1872 Feb 12<sup>th</sup> This day Comes in with fine weather and moderate breeze from the S. S. E. Steering by the wind to the E. N. E. at 7 AM. saw Whales going to the N. N. W. Lowered for them in Company with the Mercury & Swallow about 2 P.M. Struck and saved a large whale mottled with the Swallow. Took the Whale to the Swallow to Cut in sent Mr. Osborne and boat crew to help Cut.  
Lat 36.02 Long 146.00 W.



Tuesday March 26<sup>th</sup> Comes in with fine weather and light winds from the Westward the Bark got under weigh from the inner harbor about 6 AM. at 7 AM. Captain Come on board and got under weigh in Company with ~~the~~ the Swallow at Sunset Bald head bearing N.W. about 8 miles dist

Wednesday Mch 27<sup>th</sup> This day fresh southerly winds, the Bark steering W. S. W. the Bark Swallow in Company. Middle and latter part weather about the same. Saw birds and porpoises ends with rainy weather  
No obs -

Thursday Mch 28<sup>th</sup> This day Comes in fresh Easterly winds the Bark Heaving to the South saw nothing of importance  
No obs

Bark Mermaid Cruising on the South Coast

Friday March 29<sup>th</sup> 1872 This day Comes in with moderate breezes from N. E. the Bark Standing on the Eastern tack at 10 AM wore ship to the N. W. Middle part Calm saw nothing but a few birds, ends with light Westerly wind  
Lat 36.18 Long 146.09 E.

Saturday March 30<sup>th</sup> This day fine weather and light westerly winds the Bark on different tack. at Seven o'clock saw spots which caused quite a commotion, but proved a false alarm, as they proved out to be nothing but foam puffs, I was in hopes they would prove to be whales. So I could have something to take my attention, for I feel very miserable here alone, I wish I could be with my dear family, never to be separated and I would feel happy -  
Lat 35.36 Long 145.34 E

Sunday March 31<sup>st</sup> This day fine weather and light Westerly winds, Middle part winds variable, with rain ends with fresh gale from W. S. W. the wind veering to the South. Saw plenty of birds.  
Lat 36.00 Long 146.0 E

Monday April 1<sup>st</sup> Comes in with fresh southerly winds, and passing rain squalls. Saw a Whale of some kind Spout three or four times could not make out what it was. at 11 AM. spoke the Swallow.  
No obs.

Tuesday April 2<sup>d</sup> These twenty four hours fine weather and light breeze from S. E. the Bark standing to the E. N. E. saw one vessel. employed repairing main top gallant sail  
Lat 35.45 Long 146.22 E

Wednesday April 3<sup>d</sup> This day fine weather light Westerly winds the Bark steering to the Eastward. Saw nothing of importance the Swallow in sight. at Noon saw the land off Chatham Island  
Lat 35.30 Long 147.00 E