

Bark Mermaid. Cruising on the South Coast

Thursday April 4th This day fine weather and light winds from the Westward the Bark steering off E.N.E. the Swallow in Company at daylight saw the Land Bald Head bearing N.N.E. Saw birds and Grampusses at 1 P.M. raised a Sail on the port beam

Lat 35.30° Long 118.04° E

Friday April 5th This day Comes in with fine weather and light winds from S.W. the Bark on different tacks Middle and latter part much the same saw the Bark Stamboul

at noon Bald head bearing N.

Saturday April 6th This day fine weather and light winds the Bark steering in for Bald Head at 1 P.M. spoke the Canton Expected a Couple of men disappointed Ends with light Westerly winds. got a letter from Chas. Bald Head bearing N.

Sunday April 7th Comes in with Good weather and light Westerly winds the Bark steering by the winds to the Southward Middle and latter part the winds from N.E. steering W. by S. Three vessels in sight saw no fish

Lat 35.18° Long 118.22° E

Monday April 8th This day Comes in with Good weather and light baffling winds the Bark working to the westward middle part much the same Ends with a Calm. at noon Bald head bearing North saw Grampusses.

Lat 35.32°

Tuesday April 9th This day Comes in with light winds the Bark steering to the Eastward middle part Calm Ends with light winds from the Eastward Employed sending down the fore top Gallant mast. Bald Island bearing N.

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This day Comes in with Good weather and fresh Easterly winds the Bark on different tacks middle part much the same. Saw nothing of importance Two men off duty Sick. Ends with moderate Easterly winds

Lat 35.55° Long 119.00° E

Thursday April 11th Comes in with Good weather and moderate breeze from the N.E. Steering by the winds to the Eastward at daylight wore Ship and towards the Boats for Blackfish Caught six and hauled them in latter part fresh breeze from S.W.

Lat 35.55° Long 119.47° E

Friday April 12 This day fresh breeze from the S.E. the Bark steering by the winds to the E.N.E. Middle and latter part much the same Employed mousing Blackfish blubber saw nothing of importance Ends with strong breeze

Lat 35.23° Long 120.47° E

Saturday April 13th This day Comes in with fine weather and fresh breeze from E.N.E. the Bark steering by the winds to the S.E. Employed boiling Blackfish blubber finished about 4 P.M. one vessel in sight looked like the Canton.

Lat 35.29° Long 120.41° E

Sunday April 14th

This day Comes in with Good weather and light Northwesterly winds. The Bark on different tacks. Middle and latter part much the same. Saw porpoises. Ends with Calm weather. The time drags along slowly. I hope providence will send us a whale before long.

Lat 36.15° Long 121.00° E

Monday April 15th Comes in with Good weather and moderate breeze from N.E. Steering by the wind to the E.S.E. Employed repairing the flying jib bent a new fore top mast staysail Saw a Brig. Called her the Emily Smith

Lat 36.00° Long 121.41° E

