

Bark Mermaid Cruising on South Coast

Y Monday June 3rd 1872. This day Comes in with Good weather and moderate breeze from S.E.W. the Bark heading West at 10 P.M. Saw Whales going quick to windward did not lower no chance two vessels in sight. S.E. Island bearing W. by N 15 miles dist Whales going S.E.W.

Tuesday June 4th This day fine weather and light breeze from the N.W. the Bark heading to the N.W. at 8 A.M. Saw Whales going slow to the S.E. lowered three boats for them at 2 P.M. the starboard boat struck a whale and lost his line, at 3 P.M. the bow boat struck and saved his whale, at noon the reef in sight bearing W. about 15 miles, after supper worked in and cut in the whale finished about 3 A.M.

Wednesday June 5th Comes in with fine weather and light winds, the Bark steering by the wind on different tack, middle and latter part much the same. No vessels in sight. Finished boiling about 4 P.M. S.E. Islands bearing N.W. 30 miles dist.
Lat 34.36 Long 123.40 E

Monday June 10th Comes in with fresh breeze from the N.W. the Bark heading to the Westward middle and latter part much the same. Employed stowing down oil in the after hold. Three vessels in sight S.E. Island bearing N.W. 20 miles

Tuesday June 11th Comes in with Good weather and moderate breeze from the N.W. the Bark heading to the S.E. 4 ships in sight at 11 A.M. The Calao lowered for whales about 2 P.M. lowered our boats. Mr Moore struck with a light iron and got stove, was fast a few minutes and drew the reef bearing S.E. 15 miles

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Y July 3rd 1872. This day Comes in with Good weather and good breeze from the N.E. the Bark steering off W. at 2 P.M. Saw sperm whales going quick to the Westward did not lower for them no chance at sunset took in sail and stowed W. by South after the Whales.
at noon the reef bearing N.W. 3 miles

July 4th Comes in with fine weather and light N.E. winds the Bark steering W. by South at 8 A.M. Saw the whales again going nowhere at 9. lowered the three boats, and gathered the whales and they went off to windward. Called the boats on board and got dinner and put sail on the ship to work to windward at 2 P.M. back the whales off the lee beam, lowered the two quarter boats at 3 P.M. starboard boat struck and saved a large whale got him to the ship about 4 P.M. Mr Moore's boat stowed
Lat 35.02 S Long 122.30 E

Y July 10th Comes in with Good weather and moderate breeze from the N.W. Employed stowing down oil in the after hold, saw the Calao whaling made all sail and got the boats ready, lowered about 2 P.M. the wind shifted and brought the whales to windward no chance lowered again about 4 P.M. got nothing. The reef bearing N.W. about 15 miles dist