

Remarks on board B.K. Minerva Cruising off

Wednesday Dec 26 1861

This day light S.W. winds & fine weather Steaming E by S.
Lat 44:25 S Long 148:25 E

Thursday Dec 27th

This day moderate E. winds & pleasant weather
Lat 44:30 S Long 149:15 E

Friday Dec 28th

This day moderate E. winds & calm,
Lat 44:30 S Long 150:15 E

Saturday Dec 29th

This day moderate breeze from E, to N.
Lat 46:00 S Long 152:52 E

Sunday Dec 30th

This day light N.E. winds Steaming E by N.
fine weather. Lat 46:15 S Long 154 E

Wright Whales

Monday Dec 31st

This day moderate N. winds & fine weather & abundance of Wright Whales. N. boat struck one did not get fast with the first blow. Second blow shot wash got cast off. & lost the whale, whale seemed to be making to the N.W. tomorrow is New year day & I hope it will be a happy day & that we shall get a whale.

Lat 46:25 S Long 159:30 East.

Tuesday Jan 1 1861

This day fresh N.E. winds, Steaming. Saw plenty Whales in the morning, lowered but without success. Whales leaving the ground going N.W. Middle & latter part saw no whales. Steaming E by N. Lost the Opera Glass Overboard, lost by means for new year day
Lat 46:20 S Long 160:50 E

Solander Island Jan 1861

Wednesday Jan 2nd

This day strong N. winds Ship by the wind on L. tack
Lat 46:22 S Long 164:40 E

Thursday Jan 3rd

This day moderate N. winds & foggy.

Friday Jan 4th

First part of the day foggy. Middle & latter part clear,
Steaming E by N.
Lat 46:15 S Long 165:20 E

Solander

Saturday Jan 5th

First part of this day strong N.W. winds at 11. & M. Saw Solander Island bearing E. N.E. dist 25 miles. latter part a gale from W. hauled out to the South under a cloud reefed M. top sail. reefed fore sail & fore & M. spinnaker. Saw a sail. C for some oil by Particars are almost gone. Some good weather came. Whales came.

Sunday Jan 6th

This day heavy breeze from N.W. carrying a heavy piece of sail to hold to windward. Saw a ship, supposed to be the Cornelia Howland, at 6 P.M. Long 166:52 E. squalls of rain.

Monday Jan 7th

First part of this day a gale from N.W. Sailing too on S. tack Middle & latter part wind from S.W. to S. Ship on S. tack Lat 47:10 S Long 166:15 E Saw Ship Cornelia Howland, O. did dull hard times, when shall we ever get any oil.

S.C. Howland

Tuesday Jan 8th

This day moderate S.E. winds & fine weather Spent 2 games with Ship Cornelia Howland 20 miles out - 700 fath. Sold her a boat at 4 P.M. Solander Island bore N.E. dist 25 miles. So ends