

Dec 19th Reefed topsails at 12 o'clock last night and took in the jib but set them this morning with the main top gallant sail, still meandering south; sailed for black fish about 11 o'clock but nothing was seen after the boats were down.

Dec 20th, A light breeze all day; a sail in sight this morning on the weather beam; another this afternoon to leeward; at work on the sails; washed off decks at 11 o'clock P.M.; the ship to leeward hauled aback for us, and finally the old man ran down; it was the *Hansit* a Dutchman, about 1100 lbs; she got 800 lbs; took in the top gallant sails at night; saw Dec 21st, Out of sight of both ships this morning; a good breeze all day;

Dec 22nd Squally and rainy last night; reefed topsails about 9 o'clock last night, and kept so all day; plenty of rain, and squalls.

Dec 23rd Not much wind; sent down the main top ~~sail~~ and sent up a cutter duck one; reefed topsails, and fished the main sail, and jib at sundown; (another flew up this morning)

Dec 24th Squally and rainy; at work on the topsail this forenoon; the old man coopersing and the carpenter making paddles; took in sail at night

Dec 25th Another merry Christmas has come around, not to us though; raised a sail this morning on the weather bow; spoke her at night and the old man went aboard a few hours; it was the *Henry Locke* Champlin of Warren; they got 2 whales the 23rd which made about 1400 lbs; took in sail after the old man came aboard;

Dec 26th But little wind all day; coopersing, carpentering, and mending sails; saw whales about 12 o'clock, and the other ship sailed for us but got nothing; sent down the main sail and sent up the large one; took in sail.

Dec 27th But little wind; the other ship to leeward; washed off decks at 4 o'clock; took in sail at sundown.

(Sun) Dec 28th, A dead calm all day; the *Henry Locke* close to us; made no sail today.

Dec 29th, Mending sails all day; sent down the fore sail, and sent up another; took in the light sails at sundown.

Dec 30th, Still at work on the sails; the old man coopersing; had a rain squall this afternoon.

Dec 31st, A sail in sight to leeward; run off towards night and gannet with her; it was the *Courier* of N.B. which we saw at Karakakoa Bay; found she had taken two small whales.

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January 1st, A very happy beginning to the New Year; hot water and mutton potatoes for breakfast; nothing in particular going on; shifted the main jib rigging further aft; fished the main sail and jib at sundown.

Jan 2nd, Broke out between decks this morning and had a general clear out; the carpenter caulking outside the "plane stem".

Jan 3rd Finished heading out this morning and fished the scuttle by the main sail in sight on the lee bow; run off to her about 11 o'clock; it was the *Brighton* our former companion; had taken 4 whales this week which made 100 lbs; the old man went aboard, and then shot came aboard of us; gannet until about 8 o'clock.

Jan 4th, A little breeze all day; the *Bond* our weather bow, ran off at night; and Capt. Cox came aboard, and Mr. Watson went to her; ^{Jan 5th} ^{11 1/2} ¹⁵

Jan 5th, A good breeze all day; worked with at work all day; the old man coopersing barrels, and the carpenter caulking; the *Bond* on the weather beam; raised a whale about a half hour before sundown on the lee bow; the *Brighton* ran down and spoke us after sundown; lay aback all night.

Jan 6th, A dead calm all the forenoon; turned in the main top mast back staff this afternoon; blacksmith at work all day; a little breeze in the afternoon; the old man went aboard the *Brighton*, squally towards night.