

Bark Osceola 3rd at Sea February 1859

Friday February 18th 1859

This has been a very busy day and also a very warm and pleasant with a very moderate breeze. This morning commenced and took out the main hold for water and to trim the ship by the head so that she would sail better. This afternoon took out in the after hold for meat to stow farther forward and finished both batches about half past five and washed down the deck. Left four casks of water on deck which we lashed forward. We have now got her down by the head about six inches. This morning at sunrise there were two sail in sight one on sea bow and other on larboard quarter and have been in sight all day. Fine steady weather with a moderate breeze. Lat 15° 01' South

S by W

ESE

Saturday February 19th 1859

These twenty four hours have not been quite so pleasant as it was yesterday having a moderate breeze and frequent showers and looks now as though we might have a wet night. This morning saw and exchanged signals with a horn trigg bound to the northward; painted the jib and flying jib boom white and overhauled the manropes. This afternoon the mate and carpenter made the after cabin larger by moving the bulkhead farther forward. Saw a sail on lee beam bound to the northward to fear to make her out. Being cloudy all day and at noon did not get a meridian observation. Fine breeze left squally. Ends the nineteenth of February

S by W

ESE

45 days out

S by W. ESE

Sunday February 20th 1859

These twenty four hours continued with fine pleasant weather with a moderate breeze varying from S. by E. to E. It has been very clear and warm till about five o'clock when we had a delicious shower which lasted until seven. The Capt. Mate and second mate stood mast heads for the first time. There has been nothing sight today but a small school of Porpoises and a few birds.

S by W

Lat 15° 37' South

1st 12th out

Wind light from S. by E. to E.

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Monday February 21st 1859

These twenty four hours have been very pleasant and warm. This morning saw a trigg on our weather quarter steering about S. by E. commenced this forenoon and rattled down the fore rigging, one of the hands engaged in painting the iron work and the rest picking the rust of the Yachets. This afternoon the carpenter finished the cabin, painted the anchors and finished the day work by washing down the decks. Very light breeze and varying from S. by E. to E. by S. and very light.

Course S. by E.

Lat 15° 50' South

1st 20th out

Tuesday February 22nd 1859

This has been a very warm and sultry day and a light breeze commenced this forenoon and rattled down the starboard fore rigging. This afternoon capped the fore topsails and hauled down the main top sail and stay about half past two raised a sail on the starboard beam with her larboard tack down, painted the fore topsail corner and eye. One man sick and off duty. Covered the straps to the starboard boat to be and rose it off. Finished day work by washing off.

Course

Lat 21° 28' South

1 month and 21 days out

Wednesday February 23rd 1859

These twenty four hours have been very pleasant. This morning about five o'clock we had a very heavy shower of rain and but little wind. This forenoon commenced and lashed the starboard anchor over and picked up some of the rust. This afternoon the starboard watch at work in the main rigging. There has been several ships in sight today. About half past five there was quite an excitement created on board the ship at the main rang out for a whale which they had very regular a good many times but no one else saw it. He is in the habit of doing such things sometimes light breeze from the E. by E. - Course S. by E. Wind E. by E.

Course S. by E.

Wind E. by E.