

Monday April 25th 1859

This day commenced with a slight calm, commenced the forenoon and broke out the Starboard side of the fore hold for water and to clear the head and floor. This afternoon engaged in stowing back in the hold. About 12 M. a light breeze from the S.W. and clear the land still in sight on the Starboard beam and quarter, also there has been two sail in sight, NW & N a sloop and a Brig. Between 4 and 5 P.M. a large school of Blackfish in sight but did not lower. Porpoises have been in sight all day. All hands out all day. The captain at work today on his new boat. 114 days out. Wind from S.W. Steaming about 8 points for

Tuesday April 26th 1859

This day commenced with a very light breeze but did not last long. About 6 o'clock A.M. a large squall up from the South. Middle and latter part a fine breeze from N.E. South and very clear. This forenoon kept the watch line some washing. North the paint work around the keel and some tarring down the keelson rigging the same this afternoon. Lost my watch below by working on the new boat. There has been nothing in sight of much consequence. The land in sight on the Starboard beam. Wind S. Course N. 115 days out

Wednesday April 27th 1859

This day commenced with a very light breeze and squalls. About 9 A.M. raised a large school of Blackfish. Lowered all the boats; the mate got fast the Starboard boat also but the iron came out so we lost him. This afternoon busy clearing away the masts fish; got through about four boats and sent the watch below. The rest of the time was used by some painting the anchor and around cut side of the head the boatmen getting their boats in order. A fine moderate breeze. Wind S. Course N. 116 days out



Thursday April 28th 1859

This day commenced with a moderate breeze and clear saw the land on the Starboard beam and lower Middle and latter part the same. This is the first day that the Captain and the rest of the Officers have stood regular mast heads. There has been considerable many spears and beaches raised but of no account until between 4 and 5 raised a school of Blackfish. Lowered for them and the mate struck but did not hold on long. Have been painting some around the bows and also tarred down some of the head rigging. The cooper sitting up shooks and the carpenter making a tide bench. Wind S. 117 days out. Lat 20° 0'

Friday April 29th 1859

This day commenced with a light breeze and a light shower of rain. Middle and latter part a light breeze and frequent clouds of fine rain. There has been quite a number of Humphs backs in sight most all day. This afternoon the watch base as usual except two men who have been minding up the blackfish and putting it in the pots ready to boil. Caught quite a large Wilson to night, the first fish that we have caught since we sailed. This morning between the forehold fore cask of hoops but could not find them they not being on board. Wind South. 118 days out

Saturday April 30th 1859

This day commenced with a very light breeze with some rain this forenoon painted the Fore and Main-to-trail Eye and runner this afternoon stowed the rialard blocks. It has been quite thick with squalls of mist. There has been plenty of Humphs and Pinkbacks around all day. Broke out in the after hold for Molasses. Lowered the Starboard for a Seal but did not get him. The land in sight on our Starboard beam and bow. Wind light from the Southward. 119 days out. No ends this month