

Saturday May 7th 1859

This day commenced with a fine steady breeze and dark heavy clouds rising from the S.E. This forenoon the watch engaged in mending the old foretop sail. The first part of the afternoon at work on the sail and got it aloft about four bells, unreeled the sheets and put short chain stops that just comes to the shive hole and fasten with an iron pin. This forenoon I lost my watch below by working on a job for the Starboard boat. There has been nothing in sight today but a few Porpoises. We have had a steady breeze all day and it has been quite clear and warm.

Wind S.E. Course S.W. by W.

126 days out.

Lat. 10° 00' Long 80° 00' West

Sunday May 8th 1859

This has been a very fine day with a steady breeze and a few passing clouds. Midle and latter part very fine and warm with a fine steady breeze. This day being Sunday there has been no work carried on. Had the captain put Ben off the watch he is to stand watch through the day and have all night below. There has nothing been in sight but a few birds and small fish.

Wind S.E.

127 days out

Lat 8° 03' South.

Monday May 9th 1859

This has been a very fine day and also a very busy one. This morning by daylight commenced and sent down the Main royal and mainloft gallant yards and mast. This forenoon all hands at work on the rigging some covering and some serving it.

This afternoon the first part the same as in the forenoon about half past three got all ready and got the mast and yards aloft and part of the topgallant rigging seized off and had the sails set before seven o'clock. There has been nothing in sight of any account. a very strong current setting about S.E.

Wind S.E. and light Course S.W. by W.

128 days out

Lat 6° 30' South

Tuesday May 10th 1859

This has been a very fine day and also quite a busy one. This morning finished up the topgallant rigging and commenced on the main lower rigging, straitening the dead eyes. about half past eight raised a school of Blackfish and the mate lowered for them but did not get fast. George started but missed. This afternoon at work on the rigging also turned in the Main to the mast backstays and hauled the royal rigging and painted the mast. It has been very fine weather all day but to the Eastward it has been foggy that is over the land.

Wind S.E.

129 days out

Lat 5° 23' South

Wednesday May 11th 1859

This day commenced with a light breeze and haze. This forenoon finished the Main to the mast backstays and commenced to square the quarter rigging on the main rigging raised a school of Black fish. This afternoon at work in the rigging saw more Blackfish about two P.M. and lowered the Starboard and waist boat. The mate and second mate got fast. cleaned away the Starboard boat and went down but could not get fast. There has been several schools in sight since and but one boat lowered but did not get fast as they were going to fast.

Wind S.E.

130 days out

Thursday May 12th 1859

This has been a very fine clear day and a light breeze. This forenoon some of the crew minding the boiler and others variously employed finished capping the Starboard main rigging and after dinner commenced on the other side hauled down the backstays on one side. There has been a great many Blackfish in sight most all day but we have not lowered for them as they were all heading to the Southward and going very quick.

Very fine clear weather.

Wind S.E. and light Course S.W. by W.

131 days out

Lower for Blackfish

W.B.

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