

Bark Osceola 3^d. Captain C. F. Hamblin

Tuesday May 31st 1859

This day commenced with a very light breeze and a strong current setting S.E. This forenoon the mate cut out the stow sail and has had one or two of the watch beside himself at work on it and the rest busy about one thing and another. Mr Woodell and Peter A. work aloft. This afternoon I finished their work aloft and covered a lashing for a spar on deck. At 2 P.M. went to the masthead and about three the captain called me down to go in the boat after a school of large Blackfish. Lowered but could not get near enough to strike. Brought out for Jena. Two sail in sight, a bark and schooner. The rock of Redondo and Death heads on the Starboard quarter, heading off the land. So ends this month 150 days out and no oil.
150 days out.

Wednesday June 1st 1859.

This day commenced with a fine steady breeze and cloudy. Standing of shore. This morning came up with the Starboard main top mast rigging and the ends and shortened the Buttock shrouds with the rigging up and finished a little afternoon. After dinner the Dartmouth ran down to us and her captain came on board and our mate went there and staid untill ten o'clock. There has been a fine steady breeze all day from S.E. Tacked twice once in and at sunset tacked off shore. There has been nothing in sight except a few Porpoises. Anarbia on our Starboard quarter. North heads on the Starboard quarter.
151 days out

Thursday June 2^d 1859.

This day commenced with a light breeze and cloudy. Laid aback untill half past five, the Dartmouth on our weather beam began work on the Starboard main topmast rigging and got through about four this afternoon. There has been nothing in sight. 2 ships and a schooner on the Starboard quarter, and one of the ships I think has a whale by her maneuvers. she is so far off that we cannot make out for certain. The mate finished the stow sail and had it bent and a hard looking affair it is it sets very well but has no shape to it. The rock and land on the Starboard quarter.
152 days out. Light breeze from the South East. Water

Cruising off the Gallipagos Islands 1859.

Friday June 3^d 1859

This day commenced with a light breeze and fine clear weather at work in the maintop copping the topmast rigging, several sail in sight. About 2 P.M. spoke the Bark Jena Capt. Russell eleven months out 200 barrels oil. Capt. Hamblin went on board and Mr Thomas came here and staid untill about ten in the evening. There has been an innumerable quantity of Porpoises and Blackfish around most all day but we did not lower for any of them. South Heads, Anarbia and the rock in sight also I sail beside the Jena.
153 days out

Cruising

Saturday June 4th 1859

This has been a very fine day also quite a busy and lively one commenced and broke out some meat for the Jena and got through about noon. After dinner Capt. Hamblin went on board the Dartmouth seen after the Jena came up and Capt. Russell also Capt. Raz of the Dayfaze H. Capt. Chilton of the Morning Star all met there and the mates came to us. the second mates to the Jena and myself all alone went on board the Dayfaze H. and staid away untill nearly one Sunday morning. Mr Woodell towed the meat to the Jena and he had a hard job of it for she drifted off faster than he could pull and their second mate did not know enough to brace forward and get to the windward of him but kept him pulling about two hours trying to catch her. This day the Dartmouth saw plenty of whales between South Heads and Anarbia but could not get any. The Joseph Briggs and Catalpha each got one. the Dartmouth chased them most all day. the Dayfaze H. also saw them but did not lower as they were some distance to windward of her. We have been cruising around here since the 15th of May and have seen them but once but other ships have seen them quite often. but it so happens that when the whales are to the windward we are to the leeward and the same vice versa. Since we have been around here we have seen any quantity of Black Fish and Porpoises but they are of no account here as it is almost impossible to strike one, and I don't care much whether we do or not as they make considerable work. we have plenty without bothering with them God knows.

154 days out.