

Ship Osceola 3rd Captain C. F. Hamblin

Sunday June 5th 1859.

This has been another fine day but rather cloudy with a moderate breeze. After we came on board this morning squared in and left off to the Starboard untill a little after daylight when we hauled up by the wind on the Starboard tack. The rock of Redondo and the Island also two sail in sight. This afternoon a moderate breeze from S.E. and nothing in sight but the rock and land. Wore ship about 1/2 past five heading off shore.

155 days out

Cruising off and on Albemarle Island

Monday June 6th 1859.

This has been quite a fine day with a light breeze part of the time and the rest calm. Unbent the mizzen stay sail and cut it over to make it set better also commenced to rattle down the main topmast rigging on the starboard side and finished caping it. This afternoon finished the rigging and bent the stay sail again. There has been quite a number of schools of Blackfish in sight this afternoon, also a schooner and just about sunset another sail here in sight the rock and island still in sight to be ware. Commenced work this morning before sunrise and finished off at sunset.

156 days out.

Off and on.

Tuesday June 7th 1859.

This day commenced with a fine breeze but thick smocks around the horizon about 9 A.M. It cleared off quite pleasant and saw 4 ships boiling. Just after dinner saw boats chasing whales to the leeward of us left off for them and got near enough to see them take their boats on board they not getting fast. About 5 P.M. saw two more ships whaling off to the leeward left off for them and got near enough to see that they had got two boats fast it being sunset could not make out who they were. Both the ships boiling. The ships around here have had a good cut the last few days while we were in to the land, 4 ships in sight and 3 of them boiling also a schooner in sight but not boiling. About half past seven

157 days out and clear,

Cruising off the Gallipagos Island June 1859

sun down and spoke the Jona and captain went on board. She reports the Dartmouth with three whales and that several others named not mentioned that got whales last sunday. The boats we saw fast near the Mary Ann she had a large 100 barrel whale and had taken them on sunday. The Jona got one which belongs to the Dartmouth their their boat got stove and so they mated the Dartmouth. Mary Ann. Jona the three having taken about 200 barrels which will give each about 65 or 70 barrels each.

157 days out.

Wednesday June 8th 1859.

This day commenced with a calm. the bark in a tight ripp caused by two currents meeting and both setting to the N.W. and running about 5 or 6 knots an hour. About one A.M. a breeze sprang up and we crossed the ripp after it having set us to the leeward untill we sighted Calpiper's Island. A moderate breeze all day and nothing in sight. The mate is making a Mizzen top gallant stay sail. the crew variously employed. John LeBaron while scaffolding down the main top mast dropped the shiver knife overboard for which the mate kicked him several times about the head.

158 days out.

Thursday June 9th 1859.

This day commenced with a light breeze from S.E. Calpiper's island in sight on the larboard quarter. A very strong current setting about N.W. This forenoon made and fitted a stay for the Mizzen top gallant sail to run on the mate finished the sail. This afternoon Mr. Wendell raised a brace but did not see anything new of it when he came from the masthead he went down the main foot ropes and spliced hooks in the outer ends of them and put them up again. After four washed out the Starboard boat but before I got through the mate called on me to cut down the deck, he done it more out of spite than anything else at sunset tacked ship.

159 days out.

To end this day