

Back Osaola 3^d Captain C. F. Hamblin

Thursday June 10th 1859.

This day commenced with a moderate breeze, and a very damp atmosphere; and quite cloudy; with a very strong current setting to the leeward. This forenoon got the mizzen-top-gallant-stay aloft and bent the sail. Peter at work in the main-top-mast rigging.

This afternoon got the Anchor gear up and shrove in new straps to the fish hook and Devils claw; also broke out all the old rigging and stoppered it up snug; and got out an old sail for a Main-top-mast stay sail. Finished off the days work by cutting out the stay-sail. This be current has set us to the leeward some sixty or seventy miles from the rock of Redondo. At seven P.M. a stick calm. Nothing in sight to day except a few Porpoises. 160 days out.

Calm.

Saturday June 11th 1859.

This has been rather a wet day and almost a calm. The first part very light breeze and frequent showers. At cleared off about 10 A.M. and commenced to wash off the ship inside. Hoggell and Ben at work on the ring stoppers. This afternoon finished washing the ship. A very light breeze and current setting us to the Northward the breeze being so light that we cannot hold up against it. The island (Winman's I. here) bears about South distant about fifteen miles. There has been nothing in sight worthy of note.

161 days out

Winman's island from the north side



Sunday June 12th 1859.

This day commenced with a light breeze and frequent showers of fine rain the island was in sight this morning on the starboard beam Middle and Little part nearly calm and frequent showers of fine rain. Nothing in sight. The current still setting to leeward. So ends this day.

162 days out

Cruising around the Gallapagos Islands June 1859.

Monday June 13th 1859.

This day commenced with a moderate breeze and frequent showers of rain. This forenoon nothing of much account doing as it was raining about all the time. This afternoon it cleared off quite pleasant with a fresh breeze from S.E. the mate at work on the stay-sail also set up the Starboard main-top-gallant back stay and rigging, while sitting up the rigging parted one of the futtock shrouds.

By observation this noon we found that we were one hundred and twenty miles to the Northward of the rock. There has been a considerable number of Porpoises also several Finbacks in sight today. At seven P.M. fresh breeze from South East and quite cloudy with a very damp atmosphere.

163 days out.

Tuesday June 14th 1859.

This has been a very fine day, with a fresh breeze from the South East and clear. commenced work this morning on the stay-sail also commenced to rattle down the Starboard Main-top-mast rigging.

This afternoon finished the top-mast rigging and broke out the sailroom for a piece of litters. Whiting island on our Port beam about twelve miles off, about four P.M. the wind began to moderate down and now (at seven) it is calm. There has been nothing in sight of any account.

164 days out

Whiting island from the north side



Wednesday June 15th 1859.

This has been quite a fine day with a moderate breeze South East. This forenoon finished the Main-top-mast stay sail and bent it and a hard looking affair it is for it is neither one thing or another.

This afternoon the Starboard watch broke out the after hold for provisions. about 5 P.M. Jack raised a sail on the starboard beam and a few moments after I raised another on the Port bow both of them heading in for the land. A few moments after sundown a school of Blackfish came up alongside and the mate lowered for them but did not get fast. So ends this day. the rock of Redondo on the Starboard beam.

165 days out

Nearly calm,

school of Blackfish