

Bark Osceola B^d. Capt. C. F. Hamblin

Thursday June 16th 1859.

This day commenced with a very light wind from South East and a strong weather current. This morning at day light there were six sail in sight off shore from us. This forenoon the watch variously employed around the ship, the second mate and boatman making straps for the main brace blocks. This afternoon finished the straps about two the Dartmouth with his signal for a gam. about went from the Mary Frances, and the Capt. and myself also went on board in the evening the capt. of the Catalpa also came and we all staid untill after ten when the gam broke up. When we came on board wore ship and laid aback heading off shore with a light breeze. So ends this day.

166 days out.

This forenoon the mate lowered for Blackfish

Monday June 20th 1859.

We have been very busy since last Thursday, we commenced on Friday last and gamed with the Mary Frances and the next day (Saturday) about 10 in the forenoon raised a school of small sperm whales and had the devil's own luck with them.

The mate fastened and drew fastened again and shot three and killed them. Also the one he was fast to.

The second mate also fastened but did not hold on. We were fast to and killed seven and only got 2 small ones. Sunday we cut them in and commenced to boil. today finished boiling and got the deck washed off by sundown. There has been several ships in sight to day also the land all to windward of us.

Gauges of oil
271. 181. 141.

170 days out

Tuesday June 21st 1859

This has been a very pleasant day and a fine breeze. This morning at sunrise saw several ships commenced and sent down the cutting blocks to overhaul them as they worked very hard being all mated up so that the sheaves would hardly turn. This afternoon finished the m. and ran off the falls again. About 4 P.M. Capt. Mear from the Bark Mary Ann came on board and a little while the Captain Russell also came. the mate went on board of the Mary Ann. There has been nothing in sight except a few Blackfish and Porpoises.

171 days out.

Gaming

Cruising off the Gallapagos Islands June 1859.

Wednesday June 22nd 1859

These twenty four hours have been very pleasant and also the warmest day we have had for some time past, it has been nearly calm all day. The bark Mary Ann and Sonia in sight. There has been nothing above the usual routine going on.

About sunset lowered the waist boat and carried the captain on board the Mary Ann and staid untill about 9 in the evening. There has been nothing in sight except a few Blackfish and Porpoises.

Calm weather

172 days out.

Thursday June 23rd 1859

There has nothing occurred this day worthy of note except we had another general gam again with the Mary Ann, Sonia and the schooner Monterey.

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Friday June 24th 1859

This day commenced with a calm. to day had all hands at work breaking out the main hatch on the port side for water and a place to stow our oil, and finished about four in the afternoon.

About three the captain of the schooner came on board and staid some time and then went with our captain on board the Sonia about five the mate went to the Mary Ann. in the evening the mate of the schooner came on board and staid untill about nine when he went away and I went to the Sonia after the captain and mate. It has been calm all day.

174 days out.

Saturday June 25th 1859.

This day has been very fine and clear and also a calm most all the time, nothing much going on untill about three when we commenced and washed the rail of with sand and got through about six.

This afternoon the mate raised a heuch which turned out to be a Humphlack. The Mary Ann, Sonia and schooner and another vessel in shore of us and a good thing it is so that we will not have a gam tonight as I have got tired of so much gaming.

175 days out

Calm weather