

Remarks on board the Bark Osceola 3^d Capt. A. F. Hamblin.

Sunday Sept 25th 1859.

This has been a very fine clear and pleasant day. There has been a great number of Sulphur Bottoms, Blackfish and Porpoises in sight all day, also have had a strong breeze most of the time. Two sail in sight to windward. So ends this day.

Monday Sept 26th 1859.

This has been another fine day. Came from the masthead at 10 AM and started a cast of water and lowered for Blackfish but did not get any. I dartered two or three times and the captain did not like it because I did not get fast, so we changed places, but did not do any better came on board a little before 2 P.M. The Sacramento ran down quite handy but would not speak us. Eight breeze all day. Off before it for several hours. Three sail in sight to windward. So ends this day.

Tuesday Sept 27th 1859.

This has been a fine pleasant day. The first part nearly calm and quite clear. Middle and latter part fresh breeze. There has been a large number of Blackfish in sight and a little after four the mate went down but did not get fast as they went to windward to fast. Came from the masthead at two P.M. and shortened the jib, furler and lost the mate bone fidel overboard. So ends this day.

Wednesday Sept 28th 1859.

This day has been as usual. This morning had a lecture from the captain about getting to sleep on deck; have been working ^{ship} so as to have a gam which came off about dark and lasted untill twelve at night. The skipper met on board the Sacramento and staid there untill between 9 and 10 and then went to the Hector and stoped there the rest of the time. The Hector is just from San Diego. There was the Hector, Sacramento and Mary Francis in the gam. The Aurora was to windward but did not run down as was expected. Have had a fine breeze all day and quite clear. So ends.

Thursday Sept 29th & Friday Sept 30th

This has been a fine day, yesterday afternoon was the commencement of another general gam. in the first place the captain of the Hector came to us, a little while after they both went to the Aurora and the mates went to the Hector about dark the Mary Francis came down also, the 2^d mates came here and the 3^d mates went to the M. F. but owing to some mistake about the lights we never got back to our own vessels till this morning, excepting the captains who got on board a little after one this morning. After we had got all on board, stood in for the land and raised a ship to windward running off for us.

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Friday Sept 30th continued.

After dinner Mr Wendell raised a spout about four miles to windward which turned out to be a large line whale coming to the leeward quick, a little after one lowered the starboard and waist boats and soon after the starboard boat the whale then nearly astern. the next rising he made us were quite handy but the Aurora's boat rubbing as quite hard we concluded to leave our chances together. The next time he came up their 2^d mate and our boat were within striking distance so we bore up and let him go on which he did and his boat tussler missed him, darting his iron completely over him. We chased him untill nearly sunset getting within almost a dart several times, at last he milled to windward and we gave up and went on board. There was 10 or 12 boats after him but no one got him. "So sad"

Saturday Oct 1st 1859.

This has been as fine a day as usual nothing of much importance going on the first part. Came from the masthead at two P.M. and unt the watch to washing off the house and sail also cleaned the scales. the mate has been making a gaffersail for his boat. About six the light went on board the Aurora soon after the Capt from the Montgomery went there also, and the mates came here and staid untill nearly 11 when the gun broke off.

Sunday October 2^d 1859.

This day has passed off as usual. have been running off before the wind all day. Squared in this morning at daylight the weather fair & of Anarha astern at sunset the lee point of Whismark on the starboard quarter distant about five leagues. So ends.

Monday October 3^d 1859.

This day commenced with thick damp foggy weather luffed to the wind at 2 A.M. it cleared off very pleasant after the sun rose, saw the land on the weather beam (Wangon Island) have been beating to windward the rest part of the day with a fresh breeze. The mate has been at work making a gaffersail and the 2^d mate a studdingsail for their boats.

Tuesday Oct 4th

Nothing very remarkable has occurred today. beating to windward still, the rock in sight to windward. It has been fine and pleasant with a moderate breeze. So ends this day.