

Ship Balena of New Bedford Capt John Dorman

Thursday Jan 18th 1854

Comes in with fine weather and light breezes from the Southward the ship standing to the Westward run in close to the Island of Masafusa and the Capt. and crew went on first come on board at sunset and shortened sail saw finbacks and porpoises latter part standing to the Westward the Island bearing S. by N. 10 miles Dist. the Carpenter still sick bent the flying jib &c.

Friday Jan 19th

These twenty four hours light breezes from S.W. by S the ship standing to the Westward at sunset shortened sail and tacked to the Eastward saw nothing two men sick Masafusa bearing E. by N. 60 miles Dist.

Saturday Jan 21st

This day comes in with fine weather and light Southern winds the ship on the Eastern tack Middle part Calm latter part light air from S.W. the ship standing in towards the Island of Masafusa saw finbacks the watch employed repairing fore sail the Island bearing E. by N. 12 miles Dist.

Sunday Jan 22^d

These twenty four hours light baffling winds from the Southward to the Island and sent a boat in fishing returned about sunset Middle and latter part the wind more westerly the Island bearing S.W. 8 leagues

Monday Jan 23

Comes in with light breeze from S.W. the ship standing to the SouthEast at midnight tacked to the S.W. Middle and latter part blowing fresh from S.E. the ship under double reef nothing seen. Lat by obs. 34.27 Long Chron.

Tuesday Jan 24th

Comes in with fresh breezes from S. the ship steering S.W. at sunset shortened sail Middle and latter part fine weather saw porpoises and finbacks

Lat by obs. 35.05 Long by Chron 83.15

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Wednesday Jan 25th 1854

This day comes in with gentle breezes from Southward the ship standing to the Westward Middle part nearly Calm latter part fine breeze saw finbacks & Killers and squid
Lat by obs 34.18 Long by Chron 84.00

Thursday Jan 26th

Comes in with light winds from the S.W. the ship standing to the S.W. at 1 P.M. tacked to the Eastward Middle & latter part much the same saw a Bark standing to the S.E.

Lat by obs. 34.39 Long by Chron 82.50

Friday Jan 27th

This day comes in with fine weather and light baffling winds from the Southward the ship standing to the Eastward Middle part same light winds & variable winds with fine weather saw a ship standing to the N.E. towards

Lat by obs 35.36 Long by Chron 81.31

Saturday Jan 28th

These twenty four hours squally weather & variable winds the ship working to the Eastward saw several vessels standing to the Southward all Merchantsmen saw porpoises & other small fry the Carpenter off the hook again with Rheumatism

Lat by obs 35.00 Long by Chron 80.12