

Remarks on board R H

Dec 22nd

Monday. First of these 24 hours fine weather & light variable winds & calms Capt. on board at 3 Pm left Frank Evans on shore Robert Looper off duty sick & ends this day Lat 29.08 Long 168.08

Dec 23rd

Tuesday. First of these 24 hours fine weather light variable wind & calms & in sight 12 miles distant 5 Pm mid & latter parts fine weather & light N E wind. R H steering S S W so ends this day Lat 29.38 Long 167.35

Dec 24th

Wednesday. First of these 24 hours fine weather & light N E wind. R H steering S S W lost sight of Norfolk Island at 2 Pm saw one sail steering S S W mid & latter parts weather much the same so ends this day Lat 30.31 Long 166.40

Dec 25

Thursday. First of these 24 hours fine weather & N E wind. R H steering S S W saw 3 compasses Porpoises & squid mid & latter parts weather much the same saw a Sulphur bottom today & ends Lat 31.33 Long 165.25 E

Dec 26th

Friday. First of these 24 hours fine weather & Northward by wind. R H steering S W mid & latter parts weather much the same Robert Looper off duty sick he remains on board the same so ends this day Lat 31.57 Long 164.28

Dec 27th

Saturday. First of these 24 hours fine weather & Northward by wind. R H steering S W saw Porpoises & Gump mid part blowing fresh with heavy rain at half past 5 wind shifted to S W and blowing a gale shorted sail & wore ship heading to westward so ends this day Lat 32.40 Long 163.50

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Dec 28th

Sunday. First of these 24 hours blowing fresh from the Southland R H laying to on Port tack heading to westward at 5 Pm set lower fore topsail mid part much the same latter part made more sail so ends this day Lat 32.23 Long 162.42

Dec 29th

Monday. First of these 24 hours fine weather & strong breeze from the Southland. R H steering by the wind on Port tack saw a sail heading to the Eastward at 5 Pm furled. Main sail & jib mid & latter parts fine weather at daylight made sail so ends this day Lat 32.16 Long 161.45

Dec 30th

Tuesday. First of these 24 hours fine weather & Southland by wind. R H steering by the wind heading W S W at dark shortened sail so ends this day Lat 32.32 Long 161.02

Dec 31

Wednesday. First of these 24 hours fine weather & light Easterly wind. R H steering S by E mid & latter parts the same made sail at daylight saw several Grampians today Lat 33.09 Long 160.45

Jan 1st 1884

Thursday. First of these 24 hours fine weather & light Northward by wind. R H steering S by E Capt. Morrison & myself had a little misunderstanding to day while at work repairing fore topsail had some words and I was sent below came down after a while after supper went on deck and resumed work as usual at dark shortened sail mid & latter parts fine weather saw 2 kites & 4 mps to day so ends this day Lat 34.02 Long 161.04

Jan 2nd

Friday. First of these 24 hours fine weather & W wind. R H steering S by E at dark shortened sail mid part weather the same latter parts wind shifted to S W and had some rain and plenty of wind so ends this day Lat 34.46 Long 161.33