

Bark Sea Breeze bound from Honolulu

January 1871  
Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup>

Bar 27  
30 4/10

At 3 o'clock this morning wind is light with occasional squalls off rain the heavy swell still continues I came on deck at 5 o'clock morning & began to shorten sail got the top Gall sails fished & mainmast wind suddenly hauled at 6 o'clock to SW & came down in heavy squall carried away our Sparker Gaff & some other part ropes round the ship got the ship off before the wind & top sails closed down & main top sail close reefed the squall lasted about two hours then a white feather foam all this time the sea was quite smooth

Bar 27  
30 1/10

Continued to blow very hard throughout the day with heavy cross sea's running & ship pitching hard all this time the sky quite clear & bright sunshine makes it curious I think we must be on the last end of a hurricane

Lat 32-06  
Long 159-39

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup>

Bar 27  
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Comes in with heavy Gale from S.W. ship steering E.S.East under close reefed top sails and foresail last night we had the rough part of our experiment at sea on account of the heavy cross sea from at two o'clock I went on deck the sea then running like mountains I thought I would leave the ship but feared it would be dangerous so kept on running at 3 o'clock a heavy sea boarded us carrying away all the movable things on deck I hoys 80 unshipped the mast to forward deck but he managed to save her though badly stove at 8 o'clock sea a little more regular but continues to blow heavy until four P.M. begins moderate

To New Bedford R.D. Wicks Master

January 1871  
Thursday 5<sup>th</sup>

Bar 27  
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Commences with light winds with considerable swell after the blow middle part still lighter last part calm we have been fixing up things after the Gale to day commenced a Sparker Gaff 80 we have got no stick yet for one so we have got to make our Sparker smaller but that is all right for it was too large for the ship before oh dear me it is so low some here I don't know what to do with my self the last end of a voyage is so long & all must wish I was bound North

Lat 34-28  
Long 153-49

Friday 6<sup>th</sup>

Comes in with light winds from S.W. middle nearly calm last part wind hauls to East with steady breeze & fine weather throughout the day but the Sparker over to day & bent it also the Gaff top sail this afternoon broke out water

Lat 34-41  
Long 15-01

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup>

Commences with fine steady breeze from E.S.East & continues so through the day to day we have finished mending the fore top sail & stowed it away ready for use but the hold this afternoon at 4 P.M. I see two fish breck to windward & supposed them to be sperm whales but I went aloft & could not see them again & it being late in the day of course we made nothing by that

Lat 36-44 South  
Long 152-54 West  
4 P.M.