

Bark Sea Fox Cruising for Whales.

Thursday Dec 18th 1862. This day Comes in with fine Weather and moderate westerly winds the Bark on the Eastern tack. Middle and latter part much the same. Saw finbacks and porpoises. The watch employed ripping up the old Gafftopail and rattling down the main rigging. Lat 28.43. S Long 100.05 E

Friday Dec 19th Comes in with fresh breezes from South. the Bark heading to the Eastward. Middle part Wind veering to the Eastward, at day light Tacked heading S.W. Saw nothing of importance. Ends with fine Weather. Employed rattling down the main rigging. Lat 29.29 S Long 100.42 E.

Saturday Dec 20th. Comes in with fine Weather the Bark heading to the Southward by the Wind. Ends with variable Winds. Employed Rattling down the main rigging. Repairing the main topsail. Lat 31.30 S Long 99.52 E

Sunday Dec 21. Comes in with fine Weather and light Winds the Bark on the Southern tack. Middle and latter part much the same. Ends with light S.E. Winds. Saw porpoises. Lat 33.41 S Long 100.07 E

Monday Dec 22^d This day Comes in with fine Weather and moderate breezes from the Southward. the Bark heading on different tacks. Middle and latter part wind fresh from South. Strong E.S.E. Saw nothing. Employed rattling down the main rigging. The Cook off duty sick. Lat 33.37 Long 101.22 E

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Tuesday Dec 23^d Comes in with fresh Breezes from the Southward the Bark on the Eastern tack. Middle part heading to the South. Saw nothing of importance. Ends with better weather. Cook Sick. Lat 34.45 S Long 101.05

Wednesday ~~Friday~~ Dec 24th. This day Comes in with moderate Breeze from E.S.E. The Bark heading to the Southward. Middle and latter part much the same. Employed rattling down the fore rigging & getting a new Vibs Stuy. Lat 36.41 S

Thursday Dec 25. Comes in with light Easterly Winds the Bark heading by the wind to the S.E. Middle and latter part much the same. Ends with light N.E. Winds. Employed repairing the Gafftopail and rattling down the fore rigging. The Cook is well again and goes to duty. Ends with Calms. Lat 37.33 S Long 101.45

Friday Dec 26. Comes in with light breezes from the N.W. Strong E. Middle and latter part much the same. Saw nothing but one School of porpoises. Got a new Vibs Stuy and set it up. one Sail in Sight. Lat 37.20 S Long 103.19

Saturday Dec 27th Comes in with fine Weather and light westerly Winds. The Bark heading E. Middle and latter part wind light, Saw porpoises one Sail in Sight. Employed rattling down fore rigging. Saw no Whales. But am in hopes to see some soon.

Lat 36.59 S Long 104.32 E