

Barque Sea Ranger

1871

Tuesday May 30th

Very pleasant weather. Moderate breeze from the S.W. One sail in sight. Ground apparently quite lively. Wind part took in light sail steering W.N.W. Spat part sighted "Bird Island" also saw a sail.

Wednesday May 31st

Pleasant weather and good breeze from the S.W. "Bird Island" and a sail in sight. Wind part moderate. Spat part 6.30 A.M. raised sperm whales. One or two immediately N.B. struck and one whale dead and boats in pursuit of the rest of the school.

Thursday June 1st

Have ceased chasing the whales took the W. Boat whale along side. Employed clearing away cutting gear and getting every thing in readiness for cutting early in the morning. Wind part strong breeze. Spat part the same and quite a good commencing to cut at daylight. Adeline in sight. So ends some S.C.

Friday July 2nd

Wind S.E. by E. and blowing quite a young gale. Whales all in. Wind part employed clearing away heads and saw also come to boil. Spat part boiling strong breeze.

Saturday July 3rd

Strong breeze from E. S.E. with occasional light squall of rain. Saw one "Blackfish" Wind part more moderate. Spat part strong breeze "Boiling".

Sunday July 4th

Strong breeze from E. at 3 P.M. ceased. Sailed at 4 P.M. sighted "Bird Island" bearing S.E. by E. also saw a ship "maneuvering". Wind part some ship strong breeze ship under double reefed topsails and Comms. Spat part more moderate some ship at 6 A.M. and made more sail. So ends. One gail.

Monday July 5th

"Bird Island" in sight. Weather good. Strong breeze from E. by S. On the "Starbuck" took ship under whole topsails. and Comms. at 2.30 P.M. passed close by to leeward of ship. Adeline of Ches. Bedford cutting in a large sperm whale. Wind part strong breeze. Spat part do. back and rainy.

Tuesday June 6th

First part strong breeze. weather thick and rainy. Wind part raised hauled to the S.W. Spat part "Bird Island" in sight. Good breeze.

Bird Island

Wednesday June 7th

Pleasant and good breeze from S.W. "Bird Island" bearing W.S.W. distant 12 miles. Wind part moderate. Spat part nothing worthy of note.

Thursday June 8th

Pleasant and good breeze from S.W. Wind and Spat part fine weather nothing stirring.

Friday June 9th

Pleasant and good breeze from W.S.W. One sail in sight. Saw "Blackfish". Wind part moderate breeze. Spat part strong breeze from the South.

Saturday June 10th

Beautiful weather. strong breeze from S. Wind part and Spat part fine.

Sunday June 11th

Pleasant and moderate breeze from the South. Wind going with. Main yard aback. Spat part. calm so ends.

Monday June 12th

Very fine. Calm. saw two Finbacks. Also a few large Albicore around ship. Wind part. and Spat part pleasant. Employed rattling down rigging.

Tuesday 13th

First part moderate and pleasant "Bird Island" bearing N. distant ten miles. Wind part also Spat moderate. Saw a large piece of Squal.

Wednesday June 14th

Weather fine since S.E. Wind part moderate. Spat part pleasant. Saw "Blackfish". Employed rattling down rigging. Ends.

Thursday June 15th

First part squally. at dark shortened sail. Wind part. squally with rain. Spat part do strong breeze so ends.

Friday June 16th

First part strong breeze from S.E. At 3.30 P.M. sighted "Bird Island" bearing about N. also a big which appears to be an anchor part to westward of Island. at dark shortened sail. Wind part. under short sail strong winds. Spat part two sails in sight.

Saturday June 17th

Strong winds spoke the ship "Adeline" Maroon N. Boat another vessel in sight a "Barque". Wind part. Saw sperm whales in company with "Adeline" and "Athello" so ends.



"Boats Chaining"

Whales up. Colms up. A pair of Quakers.