

Cruising off N.E. of Norfolk Island. 1877

Sunday Aug 6th

Strong breeze from E. by S. land in sight. At sunset bearing S.W. distant 20 miles. Shortened sail. Mid part good breeze. Lat part do made all sail. Norfolk Island distant 8 miles bearing S.W. So ends this day.

Monday Aug 7th

Weather cloudy and a good breeze from E. by S. Saw Finbacks. Also a merchant Barque steering Westward. Mid part good breeze laying with main yard aback. Lat part made all sail. Land bearing S.W. dis 31 miles so ends.

Tuesday Aug 8th

Good breeze from E. employed odd jobs at sunset shortened sail. Land bearing W. by S. Mid part light breeze. Lat part do somewhat squally. Land out of sight appeared the yards and steeple for it. Since 1 P.M. saw 3 Humpbacks. So ends.

Wednesday Aug 9th

Good breeze and good weather. Land in sight bearing N. by E. saw 3 Humpbacks. Also a piece of squid which goes to show that sperm whales are somewhere about here. Hope we shall see some soon. At sunset land bearing S. by E. distant 30 miles. Shortened sail. Mid part and Lat strong breeze.

Thursday Aug 10th

Strong breeze from the N. E. nothing in sight. Mid part strong breeze. Lat part squally with rain in abundance. Nothing in sight. So ends this day.

Friday Aug 11th

Weather rainy. Wind light from the North saw one Finback. Mid part rain in abundance. Lat part at 5 A.M. since sprang up fresh from N. S. W. nothing in sight. So ends saw one day.

Saturday Aug 12th

Came with strong breeze from W. at sunset blowing a gale. Land bearing S. by W. about 35 miles distant. Mid part shortened sail to close reef main top sail and fore top sail. Weather squally and blowing very heavy. Lat part still weather "Norfolk Island" distant 20 miles bearing S. W. steamed for it. So ends.

Sunday Aug 13th

Came fine weather at 1 P.M. Capt went on shore at the Cascades "Norfolk Island" ship lying ahead of and on. At top sail schooner also lying off and on. At sunset boat returned to ship. Capt stayed on shore. Mid part laying off and on "Norfolk Island". Lat part the same.

Monday Aug 14th

Pleasant. Mid part do. Lat part since from the N. E.

Tuesday Aug 15th

Schooner Success in the offing. Pleasant boat ashore at Cascades landing getting recruits. Mid part off and on. Lat part the same. So ends.

Wednesday Aug 16th

Fine weather. Light breeze from N. E. saw a few Humpbacks at 4.30 P.M. Capt came on board. Since 1 P.M. steamed S. by S. Mid part steering E. N. E. Lat part at 11 A.M. land out of sight. Steamed N. W. saw two Finbacks.

Thursday Aug 17th

Fine weather and good breeze from S. steering N. W. saw a few Finbacks. At sunset shortened sail to whole top sails. Mid part pleasant. Lat part at 6.30 A.M. saw sperm whales going quick to the North End with boats in pursuit. Bow boat having struck and lost a large whale. Stove boat. One mil.

Friday Aug 18th

Strong breeze from the Southward. Whales going quick to the Northward at 2 P.M. Whales brought to where S.B. struck. And stood a cow whale. Took the whale along side and set the tubs for the night. Lat part cutting in. Finished cutting in at 9 A.M. Day cross engaged in clearing up main deck.

Sat Aug 19th

Pleasant wind from the Eastward at 12.30 P.M. saw sperm whales going the same as those seen yesterday. Covered with out success. Mid part also Lat since. Having fresh from E. Started the works.

Sunday Aug 20th

Strong breeze from the S. by E. Boring. Saw a Finback. Mid part experienced a very heavy tempest. Rain in abundance which obliged us to cool down. Lat part started the works again. So ends.

Monday Aug 21th

Strong breeze from the S. W. and somewhat squally. Boring. Mid part finished boring. Lat part strong S. W. breeze. Since 1 P.M. saw a Finback. So ends.

Tuesday Aug 22th

First part strong breeze and squally steering S. E. Mid and Lat part the same. So ends.

Wednesday Aug 23th

Lat part strong S. E. breeze. Saw Finbacks. Mid part same. Lat part ditto. So ends.