

Cruising on the Middle Ground

Sun. Jan. 26th

Sat part saw a school of sperm whales. Lunched the boats without success.

Mon. Jan. 27th

Went pale from the S.E. heading to S.W. ship under double reefed topsails and fore sails.

Tues. Jan. 28th

Saw sperm whales going to the windward. Ship Emma C. Jones in pursuit.

Thurs. Jan. 30th

Whales still in sight going to windward quick at sundown spoke the Emma C. Jones of crew Bedford. Capt. Lifford 18 mths out 800 sperm. Wind and Sat part pleasant weather. Two sails in sight.

Oct. Feb. 1st

Saw sperm whales going to windward. Lunched with-out success.

Mon. Feb. 3rd

Spoke the Emma C. Jones. Two sails in sight. Wind part strong breeze. Sat part same. Two sails.

Tues. Feb. 4th

Strong breeze from S.E. Squally weather. Spoke the big Alcedin of Hobart Town. Capt. Wallis several sails in sight. Wind and Sat part same. So ends.

Wed. Feb. 5th

Squally weather spoke the Bark Alcedin. Capt. McArthur 10 weeks out 300 lbs. Wind part cloudy. Sat part squally two sails in sight.

Thurs. Feb. 6th

Moderate breeze from S.E. with squally weather steering S.W. one sail in sight. Wind part squally. Sat part same. So ends this day.

Fri. Feb. 7th

Came strong breeze from S.E. At 1/2 past 9 P.M. Isaac Skanaeka died. Whom has been sick about two months. Disease supposed to be the Dropsy. At 9 A.M. the body was committed to the deep after the solemn ceremonies. The 1st Officer read the funeral service of Episcopal Church. Capt. L. C. Allen the remains were launched into the deep. Addressed the crew, in which we were reminded that the words spoken at the burial were of no avail to the departed. It was for us to benefit by them.

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We said though the parents of disease had only lately had the blessing of true religion preached among them. yet in Isaac we found a better example of Christianity than was usually exemplified among the more savage inhabitants of our globe. The Capt. finished his address by saying. Let us copy the good of him who has good upon among us and if any know of a bad quality. take warning in it. It is too late.

Sat. Feb. 8th

Saw sperm whales lunched and hayhooked a large whale. So ends boats still in pursuit.

Sun. Feb. 9th

Boats chased until sundown and returned to the ship minus a whale. Sat part saw whales again lunched and struck. So ends with boats part.

Mon. Feb. 10th

Cook the whale along side and commenced cutting.

Tues. Feb. 11th

Finished cutting in. Rainy weather squally.

Wed. Feb. 12th

Boiling. Strong breeze.

Thurs. Feb. 13th

Boiling. Fresh breeze.

Friday. Feb. 14th

Employed in boiling.

Sat. Feb. 15th

Finished boiling. Spoke the big "Sousa" of Hobart Town 11 months out 200 K. lbs. Wind part pleasant. Sat part same. So ends.

Sun. Feb. 16th

Pleasant weather. Copious oil. Wind part pleasant. Sat part pleasant. Steering for the Southward.

Mon. Feb. 17th

Very pleasant weather. Wind part same. Sat part steering down. So ends.

Tues. Feb. 18th

Steering down.

Wed. Feb. 19th

Pleasant weather finished steering down. Saw 300 sperm. Wind part light breeze from S.E. So ends. By 11 all sail out. Sat part same saw a sail.