

On Board Bark Deer Ranger

1879

Thursday Nov 27th

This day comes in with a calm and light air from NE Ship steering by the wind with all sail out. Thanksgiving day fresh pork for dinner Middle part a moderate breeze from the same quarter with cloudy weather Ship steering by the wind Eastward latter part the same rose New Main top sail braces. Nothing in sight today very dull all is well on board So ends the day.

Friday Nov 28th

This day comes in with a fresh breeze and cloudy weather Ship steering by the wind the watch employed in making Spungum Some porpoises in sight Middle part winds the same and Ship steering South. Winds from NW at 2 PM Change of wind to West latter part winds from West Ship steering the same as fore part. Caught a porpoise. Raised some finbacks to windward So ends the day.

Saturday Nov 29th

This day comes in with a moderate breeze from West Ship steering by the wind. One whale in sight to windward the watch employed in making penants for fore brace. Middle part wind is the same Ship by the wind. The watch employed in stripping blocks, the Morning Star ran down and spoke come on board and jammed. Latter Ship steering to Eastward latter part winds the same Ship took in sail and come to wind Nothing in sight but one finback.

Sunday Nov 30th So ends

This day comes in with a moderate breeze from West Ship steering to Eastward saw a right whale covered 2 Boats but gave no chance to strike. Middle part fine weather right whale working very close latter part the same still in chase for the whale but without success Come on board So ends the day.

Monday Dec Dec Dec 1st

This day comes in with a fresh breeze from NW Ship under short sail by the wind Nothing in sight Middle part the same with some rain one finback in sight latter part winds change to SW Nothing including for the day So ends the day.

Tuesday Dec 2nd

This day comes in with a moderate breeze from SW Ship steering Eastward employed in taking out fore top sail braces plenty of finbacks in sight and one sail in sight Collected the Morning Star Middle part winds the same and Ship steering the same still a plenty of finbacks latter part the same Third Mate making a gaff sail for Boat took in sail So ends the day.

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Wednesday Dec 3rd

This day comes in with a calm with heavy swell on land of finbacks in sight and one sail in sight. Middle part a moderate breeze from NE Ship steering by the wind the watch employed in stripping Main top sail yard block latter part winds the same and Ship steering by the wind and called down the Morning Star and jammed So ends the day.

Thursday Dec 4th

This day comes in with moderate breeze and thick weather Nothing in sight out the Bark Morning Star to windward under short sail Middle part the same Third Mate making off sail for Boat at 4 PM very clear weather and light latter part a moderate breeze from W Ship by the wind but very thick Nothing visible So ends the day.

Friday Dec 5th

This day comes in with a strong breeze from NW Ship steering by the wind a Chasing Nothing in sight but a sail to leeward the watch employed in making Spungum Middle part the same Third Mate working on his Boat sail and cooper making hoops for Boat Mast. Latter part the same along Merchant Ship steering East in sight took in sail for the night.

Saturday Dec 6th So ends

This day comes in with a strong breeze from NW and clear weather Ship steering by the wind to NE one sail in sight along Merchant Bark steering Eastward saw some finbacks Middle part the same Ship steering by the wind to SW the watch employed in breaking out Bread from lower hold latter part winds the same and Ship steering the same.

Sunday Dec 7th So ends

This day comes in with a moderate breeze from NW Ship steering by the wind to NE one sail in sight and Steved the SW some finbacks in sight it is a beautiful Sabbath Morning. Middle part the same plenty of finbacks in sight Ship steering West latter part a strong breeze from the same quarter and cloudy shortened sail to 2 cloth reefed top sails.

Monday Dec 8th So ends the day

This day comes in with a strong breeze from North with fog and some rain Ship steering by the wind under two cloth reefed top sails Middle part the same took out from the House latter part the same saw some finbacks Nothing doing on board all is well on board So ends the day.