

Remarks in Board Bark Sun Cruising in Ricks' Reef

Tuesday, May 7th.

7th. This day began with fine weather and a strong breeze from the E.N.E. Ship steering N.W. under close reefed topsails and foresails. Watch employed at a time of day, at 11 A.M. we hauled in the wind and set the spencers. Ship ready to go. This afternoon I made a rack for our Cistern and then commenced to log up for John Reynolds at 4 o'clock the watch pumped and washed off ship, then the old man pumped the bilges and let the run have 2nd of water to end this day. After some more rolling about lat. 24.05° S. Longitude 160.25° E.

Wednesday, May 8th.

8th. This day began with fine weather and a strong breeze from the E. Ship close haul on the wind heading S.W. under close reefed fore main topsail & foresail. Watch employed about decks. This afternoon we worked down the water tank and it is all good for nothing, as the staves are all rotten. At 4 P.M. called the watch & pumped and washed off ship. Then we closed down the fore sail and hauled the reef up and the wind so end this day. Latitude 24.30° S. Longitude 160.05° E.

Thursday, May 9th.

9th. This day began with fine weather and a strong breeze from the E. At 4 A.M. we were ship and stood to the N.E. Ship under close reefed fore main topsails. Foresail, fore & main spencers. Watch employed at a few small jobs (such as) stripping up the fore sail strapping blocks &c. at 4 P.M. called the watch & pumped and washed off the ship. The fore sail still remains the same with an awful sea running, which kept our decks constantly filled with water. we have come to the conclusion, we shall have a spell of weather after this. Latitude 24.15° S. Longitude 160.04° E.

Friday, May 10th.

10th. This day began with fine weather and a strong breeze from the E. At 4 A.M. we were ship and stood to the N.E. Watch engaged in making out for Bonad. Beans. Flour. Sugar & Water. Also stripping up sails painting lantern rope & the cooper is sick and is confined in his berth. At 1 P.M. the wind moderated somewhat and we set the jib. At 4 P.M. we called the watch & pumped & washed off ship. The sun still continued muggy and our bark still continued to roll. So end this day. Lat. 24.15° S. Longitude 160.00 East.

Remarks in Board Bark Sun Cruising in Ricks' Reef

Saturday, May 11th.

11th. This day began with fine weather and a strong breeze from the E. At 4 A.M. we shook one reef out of the main topsail. Ship steering N.E. Watch employed in washing & rigging. Boat sailed, making shore last night at 10 A.M. we set the mainsail and altered the course one point farther to the westward. Ship steering N.W. E. this afternoon we raised a shot of sandbar about 5 miles off. At 4 we called the watch & pumped & washed off ship. So end this day. Also this week Latitude 23.55° S. Longitude 160.33° East.

Sunday, May 12th.

12th. This day began with fine weather and a strong breeze from the E. Ship steering N.W. under single reefed topsail. Foresail, mainsail, fore & main spencers as usual. Watch employed in reading and standing watch. This morning we were ship and stood to the N.E. all the old man had a jaw with the old steward which lasted about an hour. At 4 P.M. we raised a sandbar and called the watch and closed up decks. Latitude 23.39° S. Longitude 159.36° E.

Monday, May 13th.

13th. This day began with fine weather and a fresh breeze from the E. Ship steering N. under full sail. Watch employed at various jobs about decks. At 9 A.M. we raised a reef on our fore sail & ran down for it. At 10 we were ship and stood to the southward with the intention of having a haul. But after we stood for her she squandered away and run off before the wind. At 4 P.M. we called the watch & pumped & washed off ship. Then at 5 we closed up the fore sail & covered for the night. So end this day. Lat. 23.21° S. Longitude 159.08° E.

Tuesday, May 14th.

14th. This day began with fine weather and a strong breeze from the E. At 4 A.M. we made all sail and stood to the N.E. the watch has been employed at various jobs to day. At 9 A.M. we closed down the fore sail and double reefed it. At 10 it began to rain accompanied with a strong breeze and we put two reefs in the main topsail and closed up the mainsail. At 4 P.M. called the watch and pumped ship. At 5 we took in sail for the night. So end this day. After a good rain storm. Latitude 23.39° S. Longitude East.