

Remarks on Board Bark Sun Cruising in the Line

Tuesday, October 1st.

1st This Day begins with fine weather and a light breeze from the E. S. E. Ship clearing S. at 3 o'clock off E. by S. as usual. Hatch employed at various jobs. This afternoon we raised a shoal of Porpoises and captured two. After supper we shortened sail and were ship standing to the N. E. to begin this month. and ended the first Day as usual. Latitude 4.03 South Longitude 153.09 East

Wednesday, October 2nd.

2nd This Day begins with squally weather and a strong breeze from the E. S. E. Ship clearing S. at 3 o'clock. Hatch employed at various jobs. at 10 o'clock sighted land (which I suppose is New Britain) at 2 we hauled on the main S. E. by S. and took in the main. S. P. S. and Flying jib. at 4 called the Hatch and cleared up ship. nothing in sight and so ended this Day Latitude 4.56 S. Longitude 154. East

Thursday, October 3rd.

3rd This Day begins with fine weather and a light breeze from the E. Ship clearing by the wind. Hatch employed at various things. This morning at 3 we raised more land on our weather beam (which is Solomon's Island I believe). This afternoon we saw a Saddy's Cormorant the bird being nowhere in particular at 4 o'clock called the Hatch and landed for breakfast but did not capture any. After getting nothing for supper it began to drizzle up. accompanied with rain. so ended this day of our imprisonment. Lat 4.53 Longitude 153.48

Friday, October 4th.

4th This Day begins with fine weather and a dead calm. the wind being nowhere. ship clearing every where in general. Hatch employed making out for bread. Suet & meat at 4 o'clock called the Hatch and pumped & washed off ship as usual. nothing in sight of importance to day. the latitude yesterday is wrong. it was 5.24. which is the same. having not made any headway long the same. After supper some of the Boys went in bathing and the rest of them bathed on Deck. they being full of water from the abundance of rain which fell so ended this day. (which has been a very warm one night).

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Saturday, October 5th.

5th This Day begins with fine weather and a slight calm. at 6 o'clock raised a shoal of Whales and after getting breakfast the Boats were sent in pursuit of them. The boat was the lucky boat and got fast: and succeeded in getting him alongside about 9 o'clock. after getting supper we set the Hatch and got up the cutting apparatus and cleared up the Deck. so ended the Fifth of October.

Sunday, October 6th.

6th This Day begins with Cloudy weather and a light breeze from the W. S. W. Ship clearing to the S. at Daylight as usual. hands were called and we commenced cutting: and got this head in before breakfast. at noon we got through cutting and started the work. and commenced sailing. there has been nothing done but what has been promised at 5 o'clock. from the Captain down to the crew. so ended this Day.

Monday, October 7th.

7th This Day begins with fine weather and a light breeze from the S. E. Ship heading S. by E. we got through sailing at 10 o'clock and began to clear up Deck. and began standing masted again. This afternoon we cooped the Oil and lashed it up for it to cook. after supper we pumped ship and raised up the fore & flying jib. & hauled so ended this Day with 25 Bbls of Oil on Deck. Lat. 6.24 South Longitude 154.12 E.

Tuesday, October 8th.

8th This Day begins with fine weather and a calm. Ship heading as usual. the compass. the morning we washed off ship and cleared out the S. by S. This afternoon has been rather more comfortable on account of the breeze. the wood, all sail and cleared to the Hatch employed at various jobs. at 4 called the Hatch as usual: and went through our regular performance. so ended this Day. Latitude 6.56 S. Longitude 155.45 East

Wednesday, October 9th.

9th This Day begins with fine weather and a light breeze from the S. E. Ship clearing. S. E. Hatch employed at various jobs. This afternoon we were ship and stood to the Eastward (the wind having hauled farther to the S.) at 4 o'clock called the Hatch and went through our regular drill so ended this Day. nothing in sight Latitude 7.11 S. Longitude 153.30 East