

Remarks on board ship Thomas Dickason, of New Bedford.

Thursday, December 24th, 1863.

The usual sea and land breezes; light, moderate, and middling strong. Laying at an anchor, in Ballenas Bay.

Friday, 25th.

Moderate and light winds, from the usual direction.

Saturday, 26th.

Moderate, and strong, northerly winds. Employed at repairing sails, &c.

Sunday, 27th.

Middling strong northerly winds throughout the day.

Monday, 28th.

Moderate winds; forepart northerly; latter part westerly. Employed at repairing sails, &c. The ship laying at an anchor, in Ballenas Bay.

Tuesday, 29th.

Moderate sea and land breezes. The crew, variously employed, repairing sails, &c.

Wednesday, 30th.

Forepart light; latter part strong, northerly winds. Laying at an anchor at Ballenas Bay.

Thursday, 31st.

Forepart moderate; middle, strong; latter part light variable northerly winds. At 9 A.M., took the anchor, made sail, and steered down the coast to the southward. Under easy sail throughout.

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Until time.

Lat, 23° 30', north. Friday, January 1st, 1864. Light variable northerly winds. The ship under topgallantsails, steering a shore course (about S E) along the California coast, with the land (in the distance) in sight in the daytime. Employed at stowing casks, and filling them with salt water, for ballast.

Sat, 24° 38'.

Saturday, 2nd.

Light variable westerly winds. The ship under topgallantsails. Forepart steering about southeast along the coast. Latter part blazing off and on the heads of Margarita Bay.

Sat 24° 20'.

Sunday, 3rd.

Light variable northwesterly winds. Forepart, the ship under all sail, working toward Margarita Bay. Between 3 and 4 P.M. came to with the fore anchor, in 18 fathoms of water, in the mouth of Margarita Bay, and ^{near} by to the ship California, of New Bedford.

Sat, 24° 18'.

Monday, 4th.

Light winds, varying from north to west. At 1 o'clock A.M. took the anchor and left Margarita Bay, steering along the coast to the southward. Repairing rigging &c.

Sat, 22° 56'.

Tuesday, 5th.

Light variable northerly winds. In the fore and middle parts, steering along the coast toward Cape St Lucas; latter part on opposite tacks by the wind. The ship under necessary sail throughout.

Sat, 22° 48'.

Wednesday, 6th.

Forepart light northwesterly winds; the ship on opposite tacks. At daylight steered about S for the Cape, St Lucas, arrived there about noon and captain ^{Stewart} went on shore, and came back about 4 P.M. Latter part light variable northeasterly winds; the ship on the eastern tack in company with the bark Constitution, of New Bedford carrying necessary sail throughout the day.