

1891 Journal of the Whaling Bk William Baylies

Mon Dec 14 Lat 28.53 North Long 124.35 West
First part begins with a light breeze from the NW & steering E & S with all sail set. Saw several Fin backs middle part a calm, latter part a light breeze from the NW. Wabbs repaired the old fore sail and bent it and set up the old upper fore top sail.

Tues Dec 15 Lat 28.50. Long 123.56.
First part begins with a very light breeze from the NW steering E by S. Wabbs repaired the old upper main top sail. Bent it and put the other one and fore sail in a besh. Nothing in sight. Middle part the same. Latter part light breeze from the NW & E. Wabbs broke out water tank and repaired the old lower fore top sail and bent it.

Wed Dec 16 Lat 28.00 Long 122.33
First part begins with light breeze from the NW steering E by S half S. Wabbs sent down the lower main top sail, and sent up the one that was forward. Middle part the same. Latter part a nice breeze, Wabbs busy repairing the old main sail.

Thurs Dec 17 Lat 26.57 Long 121.08
First part begins with a good breeze from the NW & steering E by S & E. Wabbs still at work on the old main sail. Nothing in sight. Middle part the same. Latter part. Wabbs still at work on the main sail.

Fri Dec 18 Lat 25.32 Long 118.35.
First part begins with a good breeze from the NW steering E & S. E. finished the old main sail and bent it, and repaired the other and put it away. Nothing in sight to day. Middle part the same. Latter part wind the same. Wabbs bent the main top Gallant stay sail, and repaired the old fly fib and bent it.

Capt Benjamin D. Cleveland

Sat Dec 19 Lat 24.11 North Long 116.11 West
First part begins with a good breeze from the NW & steering E & S. Wabbs repaired the old fib and bent it, and repaired the other fib and fly fib and put them away. Nothing in sight. Middle part the same. Latter part wind light. Wabbs repaired the old fore top mast stay sail and rove new main braces 2 1/2" rope and set up the fib and fly fib lines.

Sun Dec 20 Lat 23.22 Long 114.19
First part begins with light breeze from the NW & steering E by S. Nothing in sight to day. Middle part the same. Latter part moderate breeze steering E half S. Saw Fin Back.

Mon Dec 21 Lat 22.54 Long 112.34
First part a good breeze from the NW steering E half S. Saw Hump Backs. Middle part the same. Latter part wind moderated and hauled to the NW. Wabbs broke out between decks on the starboard side. At daylight saw land that we called Cape St Lucas.

Tues Dec 22 Lat 22.14 Long 109.48
First part light breeze from the NW & heading along by the wind to the East. Saw a three masted Schooner and black fish. Middle part the same. Latter part Wabbs employed in ship duty.

Wed Dec 23 Lat 21.59 Long 107.58
First part strong breeze from the NW & heading along by the wind to the East on the port tack. Took in the light sails, and got the chain up and bent on and got the anchored ready to let go. Saw a Schooner and Fin Backs. Middle part more ship, and took in the top sails and fore sail and main sail, latter part strong breeze from the NW & more ship and at day light saw Maria Island and Isabella Island. Made all sail working up towards the Islands. Tom Ma Keith Boat steers in on duty.