

Cruising Around The Rock

Monday, May 16th 1887

The fore part blowing quite fresh from the S.W. Laying on P. tack started the works at 4.30 a.m. all hand on deck cutting blubber getting ready to run some oil down. Latter part run 4 casks of oil oil ground. 355, 356, 357, 361. Weather moderating a little.

Tuesday, May 17th 1887

The fore part moderate squalls from the S.W. Laying on port tack broke out meat & casks out of after hold. Latter part cooped 2 casks of oil. Boiling goat as powder.

Wednesday, May 18th 1887

The fore part on P. tack fine weather wind S. on P. tack. Latter part finished boiling the whale.

Thursday, May 19th 1887

The fore part quite fine weather wind N. N.E. on star tack began to stir down weather increasing. Latter part weather increasing to a gale wore ship after work. Three more cask on deck. Not any thing seen.

Friday, May 20th 1887

The fore part blowing a fresh gale from the N. N.W. Laying on port tack at 10.30. weather moderating. Latter part wore ship.

Saturday, May 21st 1887

The fore part finished stowing the remainder of the oil. broke out Kauri & Coal. Bone out drying. Latter part stowed it in sail bin - not any thing seen through the day.

Sunday, May 22nd 1887

The fore part a fresh breeze from N.W. N.W. on star tack a little rain. Latter part weather moderate set upper topsails wind N. & squally.

Monday, May 23rd 1887

The fore part a strong breeze from the N. by S. on P. tack scraping down at 9.45 good island raised bearing S.W. by S. 40 miles off. Latter part weather about the same.

Scraping down =

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Tuesday, 24th 1887

The fore part of the day quite fine weather wind N. & W. S.W. on different tacks got a new boat off the house for waist crays. getting her ready. Latter part scraping down & finished the boat & at 5 P.M. put her on the crays land in sight all day goat S. close to. Sunday I seen through the day one steamer. short time sail to night wind S. S.E. on star tack goat 9.5 m off.

Wednesday, May 25th 1887

The fore part very fine weather with a moderate breeze from the S.W. on different tacks broke out in fore hold got out new shoe stud & bone sprung and. began to bundle from latter part calm finished the bone 22 bundles - 1609 lbs goat island bearing N.W. N.W.

Bone

Thursday, May 26th 1887

The fore part a fresh breeze from the N. N.W. on star tack weather increasing handed over thing but lower topsails. Latter part weather moderating after several rain squalls - French Rock in sight most of the day. Lashed the S. part.

Friday, May 27th 1887

The fore part a fresh breeze from the S.W. on star tack & bare squalls during. Gib penants & got the bums out & counted them 24 bums left 3 holds. Starting go. Latter part wind casting to S. at 4 P.M. wore around heading to the N. & S.W. squally & a very strong breeze.

Gib penants

Saturday, May 28th 1887

The fore part a fresh breeze & bare squally from the S.W. on star tack. Latter part weather increasing quite fast & heavy squalls handed over thing but lower topsails.

Sunday, May 29th 1887

The fore part a fresh breeze from the S.W. 33, 11 & bare squally on star tack. Latter part on sail. Sun starting S.E. at 4.30 P.M. wore around heading to the N. wind S. S.W.