

June the 4<sup>th</sup> 1879 Barque Sea Ranger  
 A Start for Sea on Board the  
 for an Atlantic Whaling Voyage  
 Hove Short and tug Nelly hooked on and  
 started to sea Winds from N.E. blowing  
 fresh. With some rain got out clear and  
 tug let go. We stood to Eastward... Feather part  
 put anchors on the bows pilot cleared taking  
 shore gang, my Brother being very sick  
 give three Cheers to them all. Wishing  
 good luck

This is the Memory of  
 (Joseph. Silva.)  
 of Brava which was drowned  
 at sea on the 27<sup>th</sup> of January 1880  
 The Cause of his going over Board was  
 that he was sent to cut on the cutting block  
 to push the log off which doing so he  
 slipped and fell overboard clearing away  
 the boat quick as possible we lowered  
 and pulled to the spot but he had gone down

Rule for obtaining a Longitude by  
 double altitudes at noon  
 Take an altitude at ten or fifteen minutes  
 before 12 O'clock note the time on Chronometer  
 then wait the Sun until it falls to same  
 altitude after noon note the time add the two  
 times together and divide by two Correct  
 Chronometer as usual if nautical Almanac  
 days add Equation of time subtract if it  
 days subtract add

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On the Voyage Beginning On Board  
 The Bark Dea Ranger

Thursday ~~Wednesday~~ June 5<sup>th</sup>  
 These 24 hours comes in fine weather  
 Middle part fresh breeze  
 all hands employed clearing up things  
 and fitting Boats all is well on Board  
 so far latter part do not see site  
 thus the Day ends

Friday June 6<sup>th</sup>  
 These 24 hours comes in with fresh breezes  
 all hands employed Boat sweepers fitting  
 the Boats and getting ready to put up cutting  
 Middles part fresh breezes from S.W.  
 in main and fore royal all hands well  
 so far so good all ready for a whale  
 latter part still fresh breeze Steering E by S  
 so thus ends the day

Business  
 weather

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup>  
 These 24 hours comes in with fresh breeze from SW  
 under duddy reef top sails about 6 o'clock this morning  
 the second mate fell from fore top rail yard supposed  
 having broken one rib Middle part winds changed to NW  
 entering ESE Watch below to day latter part still  
 NW winds with squalls of rain nothing in site but several  
 sails thus ends the day so far so good

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup>  
 These 24 hours begin with fresh breezes from NW  
 with squalls of rain  
 Second Mate still appears Bad complains  
 of pains in his heart give the 3<sup>rd</sup> Mate a Bible.  
 Middle part the same set Main top galant  
 sail - - - - - latter part the same had duff for  
 dinner all is well got no site to day  
 thus ends