

Ship Cambria While Cruising About the Equator

Monday July 3rd 1843 Commences with a brisk trade steering South at 6 P.M. luffed to the wind and double reefed the Top Sails middle part more moderate at 8 A.M. kept off N.W. but the reefs out of the Main Top Sail set the M.T.G. latter part moderate breezes with showers of rain so ends No observation.

Tuesday July 4th 1843 Commences with a brisk trade with squally rainy weather steering N.W. at 6 P.M. double reefed and luffed to the wind to the South middle part brisk trades with rain latter part much the same heaving out to stow Oil and stowing Bread and Water between Decks. latter part steering West so ends. Lat by Obs. 00° 00' on the Equator.

Wednesday July 5th 1843 Commences with a brisk trade with cloudy weather steering N.W. at 2 P.M. saw Whales half past 2 lowered the boats struck a small whale and turned him up for 5 miles to the weather of the Ship half past 6 P.M. took the whale to the Ship took in Sail &c. middle part moderate at 8 A.M. wore Ship and commenced cutting at 9 finished braced full made Sail stood to the South latter part moderate employed clearing away the head so ends.

Lat by Obs. 00° 00' N. Long by Obs. 122° 11' W.

At 3 P.M. mess the 47th between 11 P.M. and 11 P.M. 11 P.M. 11 P.M.

Thursday July 6th 1843 Commences with a moderate trade with fine pleasant weather at 2 P.M. saw Whales to the weather of the Ship half past 6 sent 2 boats off after them at 4 saw a whale off the lee lowered the other 2 boats for him struck him shortly and called him got the line cut by and from before we could get fast again the whale sunk lost the whale one lance one Iron and about 8 fathoms of line took up the boats started the fires at 6 the other two boats returned with out success took in the Top & Sail & Fly Sails. middle part moderate breezes employed boiling at daylight made Sail latter part employed boiling and stowing Oil & so ends.

Lat by Obs. 00° 33' North.

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Friday July 7th 1843 Commences with a moderate trade with pleasant weather at 2 P.M. saw Whales going quick to the windward half past 2 lowered the boats and chased them 7 or 8 miles to the windward then struck 2 Whales just before sunset one the Irons drawn from the hold on to the other until about dark then cut lost 1 Iron from the bow and about 10 fathoms of line at 9 P.M. 2 boats found the Ship after being a good deal frightened half past 9 the other two boats arrived had not seen the Ship since they cut from the whale took in the light sails stood to the South West at 6 A.M. wore Ship to the N.E. made Sail latter part brisk trades at 10 A.M. finished standing down at half past 10 saw 3 or 4 Whales of the Ship weather bow set the Main Sail so ends Lat by Obs. 00° 11' 58" N. Long by Obs. 122° 11' W.

Saturday July 8th 1843 Commences with a brisk trade standing to the S.W. with all Sail set half past 4 P.M. saw Whales going very quick to the windward at 5 lowered 2 boats at 6 they returned with out success took in the light sails middle part more moderate wind S.W. at daylight made all Sail at 7 A.M. saw Whales half past 7 lowered the boats struck 4 Whales lost one line 5 Irons got the Starboard boat badly stove saved 2 Whales at 10 took one whale to the Ship at 11 took the other got all ready for cutting and hooked on so ends.

Lat by Obs. 00° 17' N. Long by Obs. 122° 11' W.

Sunday July 9th 1843 Commences with a brisk trade with fair weather employed in cutting half past 1 sent 2 boats off for Whales returned in about an hour without success at 4 P.M. finished cutting braced full stood by the wind to the South middle part brisk trades at 2 P.M. commenced boiling at half past 6 wore Ship at 8 put 2 reefs in the Top Sails latter part very strong trade employed boiling so ends Lat by Obs. 00° 11' N. Long 122° 21' West.

Monday July 10th 1843 Commences with a strong trade steering by the wind to the South at 6 P.M. wore Ship middle part more moderate at daylight turned the reef out set the Main & G.S. at 6 A.M. saw Whales at 7 lowered 2 boats at 8 finished boiling at 9 the boats returned with out success Whales going quick to the windward at 11 took one and set the Main Sail so ends with a head so ends Lat by Obs. 00° 42' N.