

Ship Columbia While Cruising in the Japan Sea

Monday May 23rd 1849 Commences

with a fine breeze from the South with thick weather standing but at sunset shortened sail somewhat down to reef top sail middle part the wind moderated down and hauled wind to the N.W. at day light were ship to the N.W. and made sail latter part pleasant the wind veered to the N.W. to the N.W. ends.

Lat by Obs. 39° 35' N Long by Obs. 132° 05'

Tuesday May 24th 1849 Commences

with a light wind from the S.W. with pleasant weather standing for the wind to the N.W. at 1 P.M. the wind veered to the N.W. hauled ship and shortened sail middle part very strong breeze latter part more moderate veering to the North, veering.

Lat by Obs. 39° 37' Long by Obs. 131° 12' East

Wednesday May 25th 1849 Commences

light air and calm with pleasant weather middle and latter part the same latter part on board the Mizzen top sail repaired and sent it again the land in sight bearing N.W. light. Lat by Obs. 40° 11' Long by Obs. 130° 38'

Thursday May 26th 1849 Commences

with a light air from the S.W. steering North 5 P.M. saw a large smooch to the N.E. supposed it to be a ship boiling at sunset took in the light sail, middle part - very moderate breeze from the South steering N.E. at daylight made sail at 9 A.M. saw a light whale lowered the boat and chased the remainder part of the 24 hours. 8 or 10 ships in sight and I believe about all of them looking seaward.

Lat by Obs. 40° 54' North.

Friday May 27th 1849 Commences

with a brisk wind from the South with some fog. boats off until sunset chasing whales with out success then took them up and took in sail headed off shore until 12 midnight then were round at daylight made sail latter part light air and calm chasing whales as usual in order.

Lat by Obs. 41° 10' North land about 40 miles

Saturday May 28th 1849 Commences

with a fine breeze from the South standing for the land lowered for whales with out success at sunset took in sail middle part very moderate latter part a gale from the N.W. with thick weather 3 ships in sight so ends Lat by Obs. 40° 58'

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Sunday May 29th 1849 Commences

with a moderate breeze from the North with cloudy weather standing in for the land at 7 P.M. the wind left us remained calm through the night and nearly all the latter part at about 11 struck and killed a whale 6 or 8 miles from the land ends. Lat by Obs. 41° 05' North



Monday May 30th 1849 Commences

with a moderate breeze from the South and pleasant at 1 P.M. took the whale to the ship about 2 commences cutting yards we was cutting lowered down a boat and struck a whale then sent two more boats the whale run and sounded had sent from them about 10 miles to the weather of the ship lost about 50 fathoms of line about 4 mi boat returned finished cutting at half past 4 at 5 the other boats returned then shortened sail middle part cleared away the head out the blubber at day light made sail latter part light air plenty of whales in sight boats off half struck one held on about 5 minutes all swinging to a miserable worthless boats came for had they been good men the whale would have been well fastened to so this will do for the 24 hours

Tuesday May 31st 1849 Commences

with moderate breeze and cloudy weather chasing whales to the good fellows at 7 P.M. took up the boats and shortened sail at 8 commences boiling middle part bit clouds at daylight made sail at 8 A.M. weather shot in the thick stood in towards the land at 10 the weather lighted up a little saw the land 2 or 3 miles from us were wind off shore ends with a light air and thick fog. No Observation.

Wednesday June 1st 1849 Commences

with light air at 1 P.M. the weather cleared up saw 2 whales down two boats and chased 2 or 3 hours with out success wind blown on strong parted one of the main & sail sheets saw 12 ships & Barks at 8 P.M. light breeze of the Margaret Scott came to us 7 miles this season middle part moderate with some fog at 5 P.M. finished boiling latter part calm with a thick fog veering. No Observation.

Thursday June 2nd 1849 All these 24

hours light air and calm with a thick fog ship going round round about as she was a mile too saw and heard 2 or 3 whales spouted there was no part of the time we could see one mile.

No Observation.