

Ship Charles Drew on the S.W. Coast

Thursday April 6th 1848

Moderate breeze SE & foggy steering S.W. by S. watch employed various sails. Mid & latter part foggy. No ice opened till 10th & 11th.

Friday April 7th

Fresh gales SE & rainy steering S.W. Mid. wind came to W at 10 took in fore & main tops & close reefed the main. Latter more moderate made all sail passing squalls of snow hail & rain.

Saturday April 8th

Light breeze S.E. & fine weather continued till mid. calm & a heavy swell. Latter fresh breeze N.E. & some snow opened till 10th.

Sunday April 9th

Strong breeze S.W. with snow & rain steering S.W. by W. Mid. gale increasing harder fore & main tops, much the same attendance small squalls of snow till the forenoon.

Monday April 10th

Strong gales S.W. with passing squalls of snow set close reefed tops & foremast at 3 P.M. took in again. Mid. the same. Two quarter watches. Latter part fine snow & ice.

Tuesday April 11th

Came in with strong gales S.W. & mixed with snow & ice at sunset lashed to the S.W. Mid. much the same. Latter moderate made sail & steered to the S.E.

Wednesday April 12th

First part snow S.W. & fine weather. Heaving to the S.E. at 5 P.M. saw eight whales. Chased one did not get fast.

Landed in sight mid. moderate breeze S.W. at daylight made sail at 6 and out S.E. & snowing. Double reefed the tops at 9 took in S.W. by W. tops stowed ashore water. No ice.

Thursday April 13th

Wind out S.E. & some snow heaving to the S. Mid. more moderate. Latter light air from S.E. with a heavy swell.

Friday April 14th

First part calm with a heavy swell. Opened till 10th & 11th much the same. Latter when breeze S.W. & some snow steering to the S.E. broke out water saw many finches.

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Ship Charles Drew off the Fox Islands

Saturday April 15

First part moderate breeze S.W. & some snow steering S.E. at sunset took in sail. Mid & latter fresh gales. Some snow steering S.W. at 10 saw many finches. humpbacks &c.

Sunday April 16th

Fresh gales S.W. & some snow under double reefed tops. Course to the E in search of whales. Mid. being too latter the same with some ice.

Monday April 17th

Fresh gales S.W. and clear weather. Freezing fast. Steering to the S.E. Mid. more moderate. Latter on fore part of ship opened till 10th & 11th.

Tuesday April 18th

Moderate breeze S.W. with a clear (freezing) atmosphere steering by the wind to the S.E. saw humpbacks, Mid. & latter breeze calm saw Grampuses.

Wednesday April 19th

Light breeze from S. & pleasant at 6 P.M. put off the boats for a whale did not get fast. Mid. much the same. Latter strong breeze S.E. by the wind to the E.

Thursday April 20th

Strong breeze S.E. steering by the wind S.E. Mid. being too to the S. Latter wind to the E put off for whales (proceeding) there & went on board.

Friday April 21st

Light air from the E and a thick atmosphere saw many birds. Mid & latter light winds from S.E. with a little rain snow &c.

Saturday April 22nd

Fresh breeze S.W. & cloudy. Freezing fast for whales did not get fast. Mid & latter fresh gales S.W.

Sunday April 23rd

Blowing strong from S.W. under double reefed tops to the S.E. at 3 P.M. took in sail. Mid. being too latter fine weather put off for whales struck one the nose broke it & shot. Wept. Shepherd saw & lost him.

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