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Monday West
Saturday April 29th 1848

Light winds from the SSW and smoky weather. Set all
Sail and stand on. At 7 hauled to the wind. S. Midale
part moderate and foggy. At 1 the wind hauled to the SSE
Latter part moderate from the S and smoky. All sail set
at 9 wind S.E. heading NE. Nothing seen
54.57
141.28

Sunday April 30th

Light winds from the E.S. and
smoky. All sail set heading NE. At 12 I saw 2 right whales
at 1 lowered and struck one of them. We sounded out 400
fathoms of line and run so that a boat could not get near
him. After being fast I hove the line got foul and had to
cut from him. At 11 got on board again. Breeding on. Took in
the fore gal sail and fly jib. Midale part strong breeze and
drizzle. At 12 wore shift. Latter part blowing fresh from the
E.S. and thick drizzly weather. At 8 wore shift to the N.E.

Monday May 1st

Blowing a moderate gale from
the S.E. with thick drizzle weather. Heading NE. by E under
double reefed main top sail and fore sail. At 4 wind S.E. Midale
part blowing very heavy. At 12 close reefed the main top sail
and took in the fore sail. Latter part wind SSW and a heavy
gale and ugly sea. At 10. rolled the bow boat down and pulled
the grummet in her stem and she fell down and broke to pieces
Saved most of her craft and her stern sheets all shattered

Tuesday May 2nd

Blowing a heavy gale from the SSW and a very high
sea running. Ship lying under a close reefed main top sail
and close reefed fore sail. Heading S.E. Wind hauling slowly westward
at 2 wind about N.W. Ship heading N. Midale part
moderate fast. Latter part moderate gale and very rough
54.57
144.31

Wednesday May 3rd

Blowing a moderate wind from the N.W. Set
but too rugged for whaling. Heading S. Set the fore sail
and a double reefed main top sail. Midale part moderate
Latter part fresh breeze from the N.W. and a gale. Set whale
top sails. At 10 stand on. At 11 saw 3 whales going very
fast to the NW. Did not lower.

Thursday May 4th

Light winds from the N.W. Set
all sail and stand on. At 2 lowered and struck a whale
and killed him but it came on thick drizzly weather and
had to cut from him. At 6 a thick smoky storm and calm
At 8 cleared up and wind sprang from the E. Midale part mod-
erate and hauled to the N. Latter part fresh winds from the
N. Set all sail heading to the E. At 8 saw a whale 2 miles
to windward. Lowered and got within 1/2 of a mile of him. At 11
saw 2 others going very quick to the NW
55.37
141.45

Friday May 5th 1848

Light winds from the NW. all sail set heading N.E. At
2 set a double reefed fore sail in sight. At 2 I saw a whale. At
3 lowered and got close on when he perceived the boat. At 7
spoke the Emily Morgan of New Bedford. Seen here 2 months and
got nothing. Midale part moderate. Latter part fresh winds
from the NW and hauling S. At 10 lowered and got away a whale

Saturday May 6th

Light winds from the S with
dark cloudy weather. A sail in sight. At 3 lowered for a
whale but could not get near him. Midale part breeze on and
hauled westward with the squalls. Latter part a moderate gale
from the N.W. and rugged. Ship lying too under a double reefed
main top sail and fore sail. Heading NW. A sail standing
56.14
142.52

Sunday May 7th

Blowing a moderate gale from the NW
and rugged with the squalls. Dirty weather. Set sail to the windward
heading S. Our ship under a double reefed main top sail and fore sail
heading NW. Midale part moderate and wind hauled to the S.E.
Latter part moderate. Set whole top sails. Heading to the S.W.
At 8 trying on fast and drizzle. At 10 ship lying too.

Monday May 8th

Blowing heavy from the S.E. with drizzle foggy and
weather and very rugged. Close reefed the main top sail and
furled the fore sail. At 3 moderate breeze. Set the fore sail. Wind
hauled to the S.W. At 8 wore shift to the Eastward. Blowing strong
and rugged. Latter part fresh breeze from the S and very rough
but moderate. At 11 set double reefed top sail
56.56
142.37

Tuesday May 9th

Strong breeze from the S and rough
but moderating. Heading E by S under double reefed top sails and
jib. Saw a sail standing N. Several finbacks. Saw 2 whales
going very quick to the windward. Midale part moderate and wind
hauled E. At 12 wore shift. Latter part fresh winds from the E.N.E.
and rugged. Set whole top sails. At 6 lowered for 2 whales. Could not
strike. Saw another going quick. Saw many finbacks. Breeding on fast
and drizzle. Double reefed the top sails and took in jib. Dirty weather

Wednesday May 10th

Blowing a moderate gale from the N.E.
by N and drizzle dirty weather. Took in sail to a double reefed main top
sail and fore sail. Heading E. At 8 moderate and wind shifts to
S. Midale part squally. Latter part fresh breeze from the S and
squally rugged weather but moderating. Heading E. Saw many finbacks
56.26
142.05