

days
from
home

200 May 1852

Sunday

18 commenced calm saw a fishback and a log of wood this day is the 2 hundredth one since we left home and to look back it seems to me more like 6 years than 6 months. Since last October we have had many a dark and and stormy hour and many a time have I wished myself on shore but wishes avail with nothing here. We have to take all things as they come the only privilege we have is to murmur when any thing goes against our feelings but we must not murmur to land for fear of displeasing some one that does not like to hear a man find fault with his deplorable condition and well might it be called deplorable I cannot think of a more fitting name for our present situation and as far as the future is concerned we are worse off than we was when we left home.

Middle part light wind from N & steering W by N all sail. Latter part strong breeze from N & steering by the wind heading N by W saw some birds and caught a small land bird that lit on the ship to eat.

Litt 49:53 N
Long 141:45 W

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Monday

19 commenced with strong winds from N & steering by the wind heading W by N under all sail at 1 o'clock tacked to the Northward heading N by E at 3 o'clock. Furlled main topgallant sail strong winds and squalls of snow. Middle part light winds but squally at 4 o'clock. wore ship to the W & W. Latter part fine breeze and clear weather at 8 o'clock tacked to the Northward heading N by E under all sail. Employed at breaking out the main hatch for water saw a fishback.

Litt 50:01 North
Long 142:33 West

202

Tuesday

20 commenced with light winds from W & steering by the wind heading N by W under all sail at 3 o'clock saw Wright Whales to the windward. distant 3 miles saw hump and caught a duck that came on board to rest himself at 6 o'clock tacked to the Southward for the whales saw them but did not get any. Steered to them at 4 o'clock to the Northward. Middle part had the wind from all points

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of the compass with squalls of snow. Latter part light winds from N & steering by the wind heading N by W under all sail saw humpbacks.

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Wednesday

20 commenced with light winds from N & steering by the wind heading N by W under all sail. Middle part light winds from N & steering by the wind to W by N. Latter part strong breeze at 4 o'clock saw the Island of Patches heading N by W distant 5 miles at 7 o'clock tacked to the Southward and at 8 o'clock tacked back to the Westward. So ended the day beating to the windward as fast as possible.

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Thursday

21 commenced with strong breeze from N & steering by the wind to the Westward at 9 o'clock tacked to the Southward at 4 o'clock furlled top gallant sails saw the land bearing from W to N & saw humpbacks. Middle part light winds and squally from N & steering by the wind heading N by W under all sail at 5 o'clock tacked to the N & W with strong breeze at 5 o'clock tacked to the N & E fine breeze and clear weather saw the Islands of Alaska and Sequon bearing N distant 9 miles at noon distant 10 miles. kept up for the passage to the Eastward of Sequon so ended the day saw humpbacks and seals.

Litt 52:03 N
Long 143:26 W

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Friday

22 commenced with strong breeze from N & steering a long the land for the passage at 1 o'clock doubled reefed the topsails at 4 o'clock to the wind round the East end of Sequon at 8 o'clock main top gallant sails over single reefed topsails at 5 o'clock tacked to the N & W and at 12 o'clock tacked to the North and under all sail at 3 o'clock the wind headed W & steering by the wind N by W at 8 o'clock the wind headed South and continued there for the balance of the day saw humpbacks saw the land at 10 o'clock bearing N by W and 26 distant 60 miles.

Litt 53:08 Long 149