

Remarks on board the Bark Tora on a Whaling voyage Humphrey Shearman Master

Wednesday Feb 26th 1840

Fore part strong breeze from N and pleasant weather heading to the ENE under top reef main top sail at 2 P.M. saw a right whale board our boat about without success Middle part the same latter part strong breeze at 3 A.M. saw several right whales board our boats Waste boat struck out the line with the spade latter part heading to the NE under Double reef top sail Lat 45.17

Long 176.50
177.18

Thursday Feb 27th

Fore part strong breeze and rugged from N heading to the ENE at 3 P.M. saw right whales board our boats Starboard boat struck the whale took the line at dark our own boat took in sail heading to Westward Middle part strong breeze at 12 o'clock wore ship heading to the Eastward latter strong breeze and thick rainy weather saw one ship Lat 45.33 Long 177.3

Friday Feb 28th 1840

Fore part strong breeze from the N steering by the wind to NE at 4 P.M. wore ship heading to the NW saw one ship steering by wind to NW thick rainy weather Middle part the same at 4 A.M. the wind hauled to N at 7 A.M. wore ship heading to NE 2 ships in sight latter part strong breeze Lat 45.30 Long 177.2

Saturday Feb 29th 1840

Fore part of this day a brisk gale from NW steering by the wind to NE under top reef main top sail and fore sail at 6 P.M. took in the fore sail & middle and latter part brisk gale at 3 A.M. the wind hauled to the Westward saw 3 ships Lat 45.15 Long 178.18

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Sunday March the first 1840

Fore part strong breeze from S heading to NW at 3 P.M. the wind hauled to South Middle part light breeze latter part strong breeze from E Head from 7 A.M. to 9 steering N from 9 to 12 steering NE latter part steering by the wind to Northward saw 3 ships Lat 45.44.50 Long 177.10 East

Monday March 2nd 1840

Fore part of this day strong breeze from E and foggy steering by the wind to N at 3 P.M. took in the fore top sail and rose reef main & fore Middle part strong breeze latter part more moderate steering SE at 8 A.M. saw a right whale board our boats but without success at 10 A.M. saw several right whales board our boats Starboard and starboard boat struck and killed starboard whale which sunk no catch to day Lat 44.40 Long 176.51

Tuesday March 3rd 1840

Fore part a fine breeze from N and the morning weather at 2 P.M. took the whale along side and commenced cutting at 6 P.M. finished 4 whales in sight Middle part rainy steering by the wind to W under top reef main top sail and foresail at 4 A.M. the wind hauled to S latter part foggy at 5 A.M. commenced boiling Lat 45.00 Long 176.30

Wednesday March 4th 1840

Fore part strong breeze from S and foggy employed in boiling Middle and latter part a brisk gale from SSE steering by the wind to the East ward at 7 A.M. finished boiling at 8 A.M. took in the fore sail saw two ships to the south Lat 44.24 Long 178.07