

Remarks on Board the Bark *Erica* on a Whaling Voyage  
Humphrey Stearman Master

Friday June 5<sup>th</sup> 1840  
Fore part a brisk breeze from N by E and pleasant weather steering by the wind to Eastward employed in mauling seals  
Lat 27.01 Long 170.16

Saturday June 6<sup>th</sup> 1840  
Fore part a brisk breeze from N by E and pleasant weather steering by the wind to Eastward at 1 A.M. the wind hauled to N. W. steering E by S Lat 37.12 Long 160.42

Sunday June 7<sup>th</sup> 1840  
Fore part a fine breeze from N. W. steering E by N at 10 A.M. the wind hauled to W and variable weather Lat 37.24 Long 167.00

Monday June 8<sup>th</sup> 1840  
Fore part a light breeze from S. W. rather part light breeze and calm steering E per compass  
Lat 36.55 Long 166.42

Tuesday June 9<sup>th</sup> 1840  
Fore part light breeze from S. W. steering E at 4 P.M. the wind hauled to S. E fine pleasant weather Middle and latter strong breeze from E. S. E steering by the wind to N. E heavy weather at 11 1/2 A.M. saw a shoal of sperm whales toward our 1 boat waste boat struck and the starboard boat struck and drew Lat 26.10 Long 165.00

Wednesday June 10<sup>th</sup> 1840  
Fore part strong breeze from E at 3 P.M. took a whale along side variable weather Middle part strong breeze from E. S. E at 8 A.M. commenced cutting at heavy sea on strong breeze  
Lat 25.47 Long 166.01

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Thursday June 11<sup>th</sup> 1840

Fore part a brisk breeze from E. S. E and rain at 4 P.M. finish cutting at 3 A.M. the wind hauled to W at 7 A.M. fine pleasant weather commenced boiling Lat 26.06 Long 165.48

Friday June 12<sup>th</sup> 1840  
Fore part calm employed in boiling at 4 P.M. finish boiling a light breeze from E. S. E fine pleasant weather at 8 A.M. saw a shoal of sperm whales 2 miles to the windward at 8 1/2 A.M. toward 2 boats at 11 A.M. the the harbour boat struck and the iron rope waste boat ran up and struck and killed  
Lat 25.55 Long 165.50

Saturday June 13<sup>th</sup> 1840  
Fore part light breeze from Eastward and pleasant weather at 4 P.M. took the whale along side Middle and latter light breeze from N. E heading to S. W. at 6 A.M. commenced cutting at 10 A.M. finish cutting fine pleasant weather  
Lat 25.35 Long 164.05

Sunday June 14<sup>th</sup> 1840  
Fore part fine pleasant weather wind from E heading to S. E at 6 A.M. the wind hauled to N. light breeze steering E by S employed in boiling  
Lat 25.38 Long 164.44

Monday June 15<sup>th</sup> 1840  
Fore part light breeze from W steering E by S per compass fine pleasant weather symptoms in boiling latter part a brisk breeze from W steering E by S at 5 A.M. finish boiling  
Lat 25.51 Long 163.37

Tuesday June 16<sup>th</sup> 1840  
Fore part a brisk breeze from W by W and pleasant weather steering E by S Middle part light breeze N. W. by W latter part strong breeze steering E by S all sail set at day light commenced backing out the after tops to slow oil  
Lat 26.11 Long 164.00