

Ship Courier Whitt Whaling on the Coast of Japan

Sunday July 21st 1839 Commences with a moderate breeze from the E.N.E. with fine pleasant weather stiring by the wind with the larboard tacks aboard all sail with middle part wind E by N. at 5 A.M. the wind halled to S.E. tacked ship at 7 A.M. saw Whales bound to the Westward quarter part 2 bound the boats. but got nothing about 12 took up the Boats so ends. more whales in sight made all sail for the...
Lat by Obs. 29.33 Long by Obs. 157.45 East

Monday July 22nd 1839 Commences with moderate breezes from the Eastward with fair weather about 1 P.M. towed the boats for the Whales struck the next whaling a large whale turned him up at 3 P.M. took him along side got the tacks up sail off the ship kept her off before the we b heeled on got the jaw in and head partly off then took the hook out for the Night luffed the ship to the wind. middle part very light airs & part S.W. hooked on to the whale about 12 finished cutting made sail wore ship to the S.W. light air from S.E. so ends.
Lat by Obs. 29.57 North



Tuesday July 23rd 1839 Commences with a light air from the S.E. with cloudy weather stiring by the wind to the S.W. at 1 P.M. commenced boiling. at 3 P.M. chooled down the works on the account of rain, middle part thick and rainy at 5 A.M. took in the fore sail fore jib fore top sail at half past 5 A.M. wore ship to the Eastward at 6 the wind began to blow on every appearance of a gale 1/4 part 6 split the Main top sail closed it up furlled it called all hands latter part very heavy gale from the South with thick rising weather all hands employed cutting turn & securing the boat getting the Mizzen top Sallant yard down lowering the Mast of the fore boom got the waist boat stove so ends these 24 hours.

No Observations.

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Wednesday July 24th 1839 Commences with strong gales from the S.W. at 1 P.M. the wind began to abate at 3 P.M. the fore sail & Mizzen top sail commenced boiling again middle part moderate breezes with cloudy weather latter part much the same on bent the Main top. latter bent another so ends employed boiling No Observation.

Thursday July 25th 1839 Commences with strong breezes from the South with cloudy weather standing to the South employed boiling middle part more moderate at 7 A.M. with the fore top sail with 2 reefs in it at 8 A.M. the till & Spanker turned the reefs out of the Main top sail with the Main I 3 sail at 11 finished boiling so ends with moderate breezes and foggy. Lat by Obs. 29.58 North. Long by Obs. 157.4 East.

Friday July 26th 1839 Commences with light air from the S.E. with smoky weather standing to the S.W. at 7 P.M. shortened sail latter part very moderate breezes from S.E. at 5 A.M. made all sail at 6 took in the Waist boat to repair latter part light airs at East employed repairing the Waist Boat. saw Porpoises so ends.

Lat by Obs. 29.10 Long by Obs. 156.54 East.

Saturday July 27th 1839 Commences with a light air from the E.N.E. stiring by the wind with the larboard tacks aboard at 4 P.M. put the Waist Boat out at 7 P.M. shortened sail middle part moderate breezes at 5 A.M. made sail at 6 wore ship to the North latter part moderate breezes with fair weather and a heavy well running from the S.W. employed stowing down goods. Lat by Obs. 28.59 North

Sunday July 28th 1839 Commences with moderate breezes from the E.N.E. with fair weather stiring by the wind to the North. at 7 P.M. shortened sail middle part moderate breezes at 5 A.M. tacked ship to the Eastward latter part moderate breezes from the N.E. with fair weather heading up E.S.E. so ends.

Lat by Obs. 29.35 Long by Obs. 157.49