

Ship Courier Whilst Cruising in the North Pacific Ocean

Sunday May 17th 1840 Commenced with moderate breezes from the Eastward with fair weather steering by E at 4 P.M. on bent the Fore Top Sail & bent another & bent the Fore Spencer at sunset shortened Sail. middle part wind and weather much as the first part heading up. At daylight made all Sail at 6 wore Ship & steered N.W. later part moderate breezes from N.E. and fair weather at 12 luffed to the wind to the N.W. & end Lat by Obs. 24.57. N Long by Chrt. 168.37

Monday May 18th 1840 Commenced with a moderate breeze from the N.E. with fine pleasant weather steering by the wind with the star board tacks aboard at 6 P.M. shortened Sail tacked to the S.E. middle part moderate pleasant weather at 12 midnight wore Ship to the N.W. at daylight made all Sail latter part vary moderate with fine pleasant weather so ends. Lat by Obs. 25.46 N Long by Chrt. 168.54 West.

Tuesday May 19th 1840 Commenced with moderate breezes from the S.E. with fine pleasant weather steering by the wind with the star board tacks aboard at sunset took in the Main Sail & Top Sail & Top Sail wore Ship to the S.E. at 12 midnight wore back at daylight with the Top Gallant Sails commenced breaking out sun. 6.15 in the Main Stacks way at 7 wore Ship latter part moderate pleasant weather employed coopersing at 12 wore Ship to the N.W. so ends. Lat by Obs. 26.00 Long by Chrt. 169.08 West.

Wednesday May 20th 1840 Commenced with moderate breezes from the S.E. with fine pleasant weather standing to the N.W. at 5 P.M. finished coopersing at 6 took in the Top Gallant Sails middle part much as the first at daylight made all Sail at 6 part 5 saw a large whale about to the Ship going to the South wore Ship about 7 lored away the boats chased until 10 half past 11 then struck & killed the whale &c. so ends. No Observation



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Thursday May 21st 1840 Commenced with moderate breezes from the N.E. with pleasant weather boat off fair to the whale about 2 P.M. hooked took the whale along side got ready for cutting & commenced but never got hooked on until 4 P.M. on the account of the whale sinking bad. cut the Head partly off & took the two half part 5 took out the hook & took in Sail middle part brisk winds at 1 P.M. the Hook Chain parted put on another at half past 5 hooked on to the whale parted the drop got another hooked on again there wore Ship remainder of the day employed cutting bris's winds & Rugged so ends Lat by Obs. 26.22 Long 170.26 West

Friday May 22nd 1840 Commenced with brisk winds from the N.E. & rugged at 3 P.M. the hooks tore out of the case last is all but about 4 lbs. wore Ship to the North set double reef Main & Mizen Top Sails & Fore Sail commenced boiling middle part brisk gale sun & fog at daylight doubled reefed the Fore Top Sail & set it, at 7 A.M. wore Ship to the S.E. later part much as the middle part employed boiling & fitting Casks so ends. Lat by Obs. 26.47 N Long by Chrt. 170.45

Saturday May 23rd 1840 Commenced with moderate gales from the E.N.E. with mod. then a little rain standing to the S.E. with double reef Top Sails set at half past 5 wore Ship middle part more moderate at 7 A.M. turned one reef out of the Main Top Sail with the Spanker at 10 turned one reef out of the Fore Top Sail latter part brisk winds with fair weather employed boiling & cutting junk at 12 wore Ship so ends. Lat by Obs. 27.22 Long by Chrt. 170.41 West

Sunday May 24th 1840 Commenced with brisk winds from the E.N.E. with fair weather steering by the wind to the S.E. with single reef Top Sails & Spanker set in. Employed boiling middle part much the same at 7 A.M. set the Main Top Gallant Sail at 8 finished boiling & washed off at 10 wore Ship with the Main Sail latter part more moderate with pleasant weather so ends. Lat by Obs. 28.13 N Long by Chrt. 171.13 West

*At 9 A.M. the Ship
observed the first
sighting of the
by Chronometer 29.31 West*