

Ship Courier Whist. Cruising in the North Pacific A.D. 1844

Friday July 9th Commences with a brisk breeze from the S.E. with cloudy weather steering by the wind with the starboard tacks aboard employed sitting up Pipe Hooks at 7 P.M. shortened sail for the night middle part moderate breeze with smoky weather at daylight made sail about 5 A.M. saw Whales spout to the ship got breakfast and loaded the boats and struck a large Whale very shortly he run and sounded very bad fast to him about 3 1/2 hours but never got near enough to grab a lance in him got up with in about 10 fathoms of him as he turned to go down cut the line for fear he would take all we had in the boats. the Whale sounded out 640 fathoms the last time he went down before we cut. and I think myself well off to get my line with out the Whale took up the boats and stood to the S.W. with all sail set so ends Lat by Obs. 31.01 Long by Chrt. 165.50

Saturday July 10th Commences with a moderate breeze from the S.E. with thick smoky weather steered N.W. until 2 P.M. then heeled to the wind to the S.W. employed slowing run till of 6 A.M. down in the stern at 6 P.M. tacked to the Eastward at 7 took in the S.G. sail main sail till 8 spanker middle part very moderate at daylight wore ship to the S.W. & spanker commenced sheering the 6 A.M. saw a ship off our bow wore ship to the Eastward remainder of these 24 hours employed standing in 9 A.M. between decks 2 ships in sight so ends Lat by Obs. 31.01 Long by Chrt. 165.40

Sunday July 11th Commences with a very light air from the S.E. standing to the Eastward at 7 P.M. took in the light sails at midnight wore ship at daylight made all sail at 6 tacked to the S.E. at 9 saw a ship tacked to the S.W. to get out of her way so ends with a moderate breeze from the S.W. with pleasant weather Lat by Obs. 31.24 Long by Chrt. 165.24 East.

Monday July 12th Commences with a moderate breeze from the S.W. with pleasant weather steering by the wind with the starboard tacks aboard at 7 shortened sail middle part more to the Westward at daylight made sail at 6 kept off E.S. latter part moderate breeze from the N.W. with fair weather employed sitting up Pipe Hooks so ends Lat by Obs. 31.23 Long by Chrt. 166.10

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Tuesday July 13th Commences with a moderate breeze from the N.W. with sun showers of rain steering by the wind with the larboard tacks aboard at 7 P.M. shortened sail for the night at midnight wore ship to the Westward at daylight made all sail at 9 A.M. wore ship to the N.E. latter part light air from the N.W. with showers of rain cooper employed sitting up Pipe Hooks so ends Lat by Obs. 30.50 Long by Chrt. 166.20

Wednesday July 14th Commences with a light air from the N.W. with fine pleasant weather steering by the wind with the larboard tacks aboard at 7 took in the main sail S.G. sail middle part very moderate at daylight made all sail wore ship at 7 the wind heeled to the N.W. wore ship back to the S.W. very light air with of unpleasant weather saw Porpoises so ends Lat by Obs. 31.22 N Long by Chrt. 166.07 East.

Thursday July 15th Commences with a moderate breeze from the S.W. with fine pleasant weather steering by the wind with the larboard tacks aboard at 7 P.M. took in the main sail S.G. sail at midnight tacked to the S.E. at daylight made all sail & tacked to the S.W. at 11 tacked to the S.E. latter part sun showers of rain saw a number schools of Porpoises so ends Lat by Obs. 31.34 Long by Chrt. 166.50

Friday July 16th Commences with a moderate breeze from the South with pleasant weather steering by the wind with the starboard tacks aboard at 7 P.M. tacked to the Westward at 7 shortened sail middle part much as the first part at daylight made all sail latter part fine pleasant weather saw fin backs sounds tacked to the Eastward Lat by Obs. 31.36 Long by Chrt. 166.18 East.

Saturday July 17th 1844 Commences with a moderate breeze from the South with fine pleasant weather steering by the wind with the starboard tacks aboard at 7 P.M. took in the main sail middle part wind and weather much as the first part at daylight set the main sail at 10 the wind heeled a little to the Eastward tacked to the S.W. but soon heeled back to its old corner at meridian tacked to the Eastward so ends with dull prospects of Whales. Lat by Obs. 31.27 Long by Chrt. 167.29