

6 June 1848

Brig Daisy bound towards

Med. S. To day begins with moderate breezes from the South ship steering E. S. with all sail set & sails in sight steering along to the Eastward the watch busy at ship duty

Ship dead 36 23 N. long 48. 09 W

Thurs. 4. This day begins with fine weather wind from the South 2 sails in sight at 6.30 in the morning

2 Boats raised a large sperm whale going to the Southward 2 miles off land the 2 boats after a short while the Starboard Boat went on and struck the whale sound'd heavy and parted the line soon raised the whale to the surface they chased on and the Boat went on and struck again the same whale but the whale settled just as the Boat was started so struck the whale in the head. so the Iron did not go in but a little way. the whale sound'd and out came the Iron boat loose again after a while raised the whale again and finally the 2 Boats struck him solid and after a while with very good luck killed the whale and got him to the ship at 12 twelve o'clock got him over the side and began to cut at dark the head about half cut so ends the day with good weather

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Friday This day begins with good weather began cutting the whale got head off and the Body cut in at 4.30 P.M. then began on the head to take in the junk & after getting the junk quite well up the windlass & lamp broke in two pieces also one of the pulleys so we have got to get in part some where to get a windlass. Heat 36 23 N. to head

Sat. 6 To day begins with good weather all hands busy cutting blubber also trying to repair the windlass latter part started to heave the head up but soon the windlass gave out so could not rise it then put up a fish table and took the junk inboard in small pieces. came on dark so set the watch and started the watch have got to let the case go as we have no windlass. two boats

Sunday 7. This day begins with moderate winds from the S.W. the men busy boiling also cutting blubber. at 12 twelve o'clock had to cut the case a drift as we have no windlass to hoist it up. wind breezing on at 2.30 strong breezes also one heavy rain squall lasted about 1/2 hour. latter part ship heading E. S. with storm sails set. No observation so ends the day. = = =

Monday 8 This day begins with very heavy rains so had to cut the watch down at 7.30 A.M. cleared up again so started the fires again. to finish the heads. latter part we saw a steamer. ship with fore top galant sail set steering S. E. by S. Heat 36 17 N. long 57. 48