

94.7. Bark Draco of New Bedford
Saturday June 8th 1844

Begin with gentle breezes from S.E. and clear weather
heading S.W. all sail employed in repairing Old
Sails. No Whales & dear what shall we do to know - not
where to go don't remember us in mercy at mid
night tacked to E at day light to the S.W. saw
fin back Lat 23 35 S Long by Chron 109 34 by Dist 109 44
I find the Chron is 17 miles to the East and has changed
her rate

Sunday June 9th 1844

Begin with fine weather all sail set to the E.N.E.
at day light tacked to the S.W. saw fin backs
Lat 23 29 S Long by Dist 108 57 by Chron 109 09

Monday June 10th 1844

Begin with gentle breezes from the S.E. at 4 P.M.
tacked to the E.N.E. no whales this day. Mid and latter
part the same employed in repairing Old Sails & varnishing
the Cabin saw fin backs in abundance Clear

Lat 23 01 S Long 109 10 E

Tuesday June 11th 1844

Begin with fresh breeze from S.E. and cloudy heading
E. No Whales plenty of fin backs God bless us once
more and may we be humble before thee. Home
rich & sea rich Mid and latter part the same
at 9 am tacked to the S.W. Lat 22 44 Long 110 01

Wednesday June 12th 1844

Begin with fresh gales from the S.E. and clear
heading S.W. latter part light air - saw
fin back Lat 23 41 Long 109 59 E

Thursday June 13th 1844

Begin with light airs & calm no whales
saw fin backs lowered a boat and tried to fasten
to one but he knew too much for us latter part
gentle breezes from the S.E. and fine weather
heading S.W. all sail no whales No Money
and a bonny voyage this day I have got a very
poor Duck the white on the table is garnished

Lat 23 23 S Long 109 14 E

Looking for - Sperm Oil
Friday June 14th 1844

Begin with gentle breezes from the S.E. and clear
heading S.W. employed in repairing the jibb No
Whales at night went ship to the E.N.E. at 9
am saw Sperm Whales to the windward so
working up for them Lat 23 14 S

Saturday June 15th 1844

Begin with fine weather at 1 P.M. saw
the boats at 1 P.M. fastened to a large whale
at 2 took him to the ship latter part employed
in cutting oil. So saw No Oil

Sunday June 16th 1844

Begin with fine weather at 3 P.M. saw
a sperm whale going to the S.W. quick
lance but did not get near him came
onboard and got the body in at day light the
head rope parted lowered two boats while
taking it along side a large whale came up
near the ship the boat went off and fastened
to him at 11 took him along side sound

No Lat Long 108 52 E

Monday June 17th 1844
Begin with fresh breezes and clear
employed in cutting latter strong gales and had
cutting Lat 22 16 S

Tuesday June 18th 1844

Begin with fresh gales and clear - got the body
in latter part employed in taking in the heads
Lat 22 01 S

Wednesday June 19th 1844

Begin with strong breezes and clear finished
cutting plenty of work and I am sick. Mid and
latter part strong breezes busy boiling oil
running out fast this is good luck

Lat 22 09 S Long 108 41 E