

Bark Drace of New Bedford

Friday July 5th 1844

Begins with fresh gales from the S.E. and squally heading S.W. and latter part to the same heading S.E. employed in setting up rigging & set 29085

Saturday July 6th 1844

Begins with fresh breeze and squally at 8 AM sun - a school of sperm whales it slowed the boats but night came on got nothing and latter part to the same store S.E. Lat 29 32 Long 110 08

Sunday July 7th 1844

Begins with gentle breezes from the S.W. and heading S.E. all sail set and latter part to the same Lat 31 12 Long 111 30

Monday July 8th 1844

Begins with fresh breezes from the W.S.W. and cloudy steering S.E. at 3 PM sun - sperm whales lowered at 4 PM fastened to 2 large whales got one boat stove and one man got his head cut but night came on both whales went spouting thick blood took in the store boat and lay by to look for the whales latter part fresh gales and squally at 11 PM steering south a deer - the whales are gone

Lat 31 00 Long 112 30

Tuesday July 9th 1844

Begins with fresh gales from the S.W. and clear heading S.E. without the main top sail and condemned it bent another set close reefed force at 12 PM moved ship to the S.W. at 4 to the S.W. at 8 took in the fore sail and fore top sail a heavy gale

Lat 33 08 Long 113 00

Wednesday July 10th 1844

Begins with a heavy gale from the W and heavy squalls heading S.W. - Barometer 29 1/2 and latter part to the same the Bar - 29 1/2 Lat 33 55 Long 113 50

off Cape Lewis

Thursday July 11th 1844

Begins with fresh gales at 3 PM the wind veered to the S.W. and began to moderate veered ship to the W.S.W. set a reefed fore sail and close reefed fore top sail to work off from the Lard and latter - by let breeze from the W steering S at 10 saw a large whale to the windward at 12 M.L. lowered the boats

Lat 34 34 Long 113 39

Friday July 12th 1844

Begins with fine weather - the wind S.W. at 3 PM the boat went alongside the whale and hove seven snows against him none went in got one boat stove at 6 came on board steered S here we are with only one boat to lower mid part steering S.E. latter - heavy gales from the S.W. home to heading S. thick and rainy Bar 29 1/2 Lat 35 40 Long 114 00

Saturday July 13th 1844

Begins with fresh gales from the S.W. and cloudy steering S.E. at 4 PM Bar 28 7/8 mid part a heavy gale from the W.S.W. at 4 AM the Bar 28 7/8 and began to rise at 7 29 1/2 latter continues the same the Drace is one of best of ships to lay too

Lat 36 34 Long 115 13

Sunday July 14th 1844

Begins with a heavy gale from the S.W. and clear at 12 M.L. Bar 29 1/2 at 2 began to moderate some at 4 PM moved ship to the S.W. at 6 Bar 29 1/2 at 7 steering S.E. at 12 at 3 PM hauled to the wind S.W. at 4 AM the wind hauled to the S.W. moved ship to the W latter - fast blowing heavy in squall Bar fell to Lat 36 44

Monday July 15th 1844 Long 116 29

Begins with heavy gales from the W.S.W. and squally at 4 Bar 29 1/2 sent down the fore top - gallant yards and rigged in the fly jib - boom at 8 PM the hauled to the S.W. moved ship to the W.S.W. Bar rising the gale continues Lat 35 45 Long 116 45