

Bark Draco of New Bedford

Wednesday Jan 1st 1845

Begins with light breezes from the S and clear heading W. Caught a porpoise another new year has commenced I thank the Lord for thy blessing the first may we ever praise thee will thou remember us this year grant us success but thy will be done. we are now six months out with a little over 500 Bls I hope to get 1200 this year mid and latter part light breezes from the E & steering W by S saw one fur. back

Lat 34 46 S Long 125 10 E

Thursday Jan 2nd 1845

Begins with light from the E & clear steering SW by W at night shortened sail and headed S E to wait another day for whales but the whales are not plenty in the night I am afraid that we have got bit by coming here but we must have patience and trust the Lord's time, he knows when it is best for us to take whales. Mid part the same

Lat 35 21 Long 124 30 E

Friday Jan 3rd 1845

Begins with light breezes from the E & steering W at 4 PM saw sperm whale near the ship down bow. but got nothing got slightly fast to one mid headed S E at 6 PM saw whales again down bow and fastened to one so mid Lat 35 10 Long 124 10

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Begins with light breezes from the E & at 2 PM took the whale to the ship and cut in the body and made sail to the S to clear the wind latter part took the head in mid began to hail saw nothing

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Cruising for Sperm Oil

Sunday Jan 5th 1845

Begins with light breezes from the S and calm employed in boiling & at latter part gentle breezes from the E & heading N employed in boiling Lat 35 44 Long 123 33

Monday Jan 6th 1845

Begins with light breezes from the E & clear heading N employed in boiling at 10 AM under ship to the E showers of rain some thunder & lightning finished at 11 latter part gentle breezes from the SW steered N E Lat 35 34 Long 123 30 E

Tuesday Jan 7th 1845

Begins with light breezes from the SW and clear steering N E at night E & mid part headed S E latter steered E & employed in Coopering Oil saw nothing Lat 35 00 Long 124 10 E

Wednesday Jan 8th 1845

Begins with fresh breezes from the W & clear steered E & at night headed to the S mid and latter part fresh gales employed in storing down Oil Lat 35 03 Long 125 00

Thursday Jan 9th 1845

Begins with fresh gales from the W & S and a heavy sea heading S at 8 PM bar 29.7 and rising O Lord grant us some more oil may we be thankful for the last. Mid part the same latter part light breezes Lat 35 03 Long 125 25 E

Friday Jan 10th 1845

Begin with a calm and clear saw Grampuses no whales no whales and the time going fast when shall we get full O dear O dear this makes me Home sick at & I took a breeze from the SW steered SW latter part fresh gales steering W & S saw squid no whales Lat 35 29 S Long 124 50