

987 Bark. Franco of New Bedford

Sunday Nov 7th 1845

Begins with gentle trades heading SW
saw nothing at day light neared ships
and began to stow down oil

Lat 14 08 Long 110 40 E

Saturday Nov 8th 1845

Begins with light breezes finished stowing
down saw grampuses & black fish at night
neared ships to the SW Mid and latter
the same saw black fish & Killers

Lat 15 15 Long 110 40

Sunday Nov 9th 1845

Begins with light trades and clear steering
SW at night lay about latter steered SW
saw grampuses Lat 14 45 Long 110 40

Monday Nov 10th 1845

Begins with gentle trades and clear steering
SW at night headed SW 6 am saw in
some whales Mid and latter the same employed
in painting the iron work

Lat 14 53 Long 110 00 E

Tuesday Nov 11th 1845

Begins with strong trades steering SW
at 5 PM saw whales down boats but night
came on got nothing the going
latter steered SW saw nothing

Lat 13 51 Long 110 00

Wednesday Nov 12th 1845

Begins with fresh trades heading E
saw nothing & I grant that we may
get oil at 2 am took to the SW
latter the same Lat 15 00 Long 110 45

Thursday Nov 13th 1845

Begins with gentle trades at 2 PM took
to the E at 4 spoke the Bank of course
11 1/2 miles so. later steered E

Lat 15 51 Long 111 10

Cruising for Whales

Sunday Nov 11th 1845

Begins with gentle trades steering
NE at night headed E & O saw in
some whales latter steered SE

Lat 12 49 Long 112 10

Saturday Nov 15th 1845

Begins with gentle trades steering
NE at night headed E while we
were taking in sail at dark saw
a whale near the ship down boats but
it was too late this is how I near half
the crew at the mast head all the
after noon and at dark saw a whale
1/4 of mile from the ship Mid first lay
about at 6 am saw whales at 7 down
boats black fish got amongst them
and started them so ended the boat off

Lat 11 58 Long 112 16

Sunday Nov 16th 1845

Begins with gentle trades the boats
off at night came on board and headed SE
at 3 neared ships to the SW

Lat 11 51 Long 112 30

Monday Nov 17th 1845

Begins with gentle trades heading SE
saw a number of breachers but could not
tell what they were at 5 am took to the
SW Lat 11 58 113 10 Long E

~~XXXXXX~~ Tuesday Nov 18th 1845

Begins with gentle breezes from the S
at 4 past 12 M saw whales down boats
and struck a school whale at 3 PM took
them to the ship & cut them in
and headed SE saw a large body of
them going to the E at 4 am took to the
W at 8 to the SE saw black fish employed
in feeding there is a strong current setting to
the NW Lat 11 46 Long 112 45