

Bark Fraco of New Bedford

Tuesday Oct 10th 1848

All this day huffling and has been 4 or 5 days we are trying to get off Cape Leeuwin but the wind will not allow it employed in repairing old sails bent a new Main Spence and took the old one for a spanker - no whales to be seen Lat 29 15 S Long 109 05 E

Monday Oct 16th 1848

Begins with a gale from the SSW and has been a half of a one for a week latter fine weather wind SSW saw porpoises caught two no whales where one they Lat 31 29 S Long 110 50 E

Thursday Oct 19th 1848

The last 3 days we have had a gale from NW to SSW saw a ship's board NW latter part moderate no whales Lat 34 02 S Long 112 45 E

Friday Oct 20th 1848

All this day light wind from the South latter part saw Cape Leeuwin to the E 30 miles dist saw some breaches to the windward which we called sperm whales could not get near them Lat 34 18 S Long 114 17 E

Sunday Oct 21st 1848

Begins with fine weather at 4 PM saw a ship to the Leonard chasing whales saw her fasten to one at 5 PM hauled for the them but a heavy squall came on came on board spoke the John & Edward 17 months 200 she lost her whale latter part gales from Lat 34 30 Long 114 05 E

off Cape Leeuwin

Saturday Oct 28th 1848

First part a gale of wind latter fine weather saw a ship but no whales Lat 34 50 S Long 111 00 E

Sunday Nov 1st 1848

since Saturday we have had fine weather caught a Black fish been in near Cape Leeuwin saw hump backs in abundance first part of this day saw the ships Iris & John & Edward each cutting a large whales we cannot see any our selves God grant us some I know not what to do 14 month out with 400 Bbls stewart we shall get it when God sees fit

Saturday Nov 11th 1848

Since the first it blowed a gale most of the time we have been going from Lat 36 S to 34 30 Long 115 to 115 40 nothing to be seen but ships Lat 34 55 S Long 114 00 E

Monday Nov 15th 1848

All this day fine weather first part saw the Iris chasing whales got none at 6 PM spoke her 16 months 1000 Bbls sp latter saw Cape Leeuwin to the E 30 miles saw a ship no whales yet Odear when shall we get some oil God knows

Friday Nov 24th 1848

Since the 15th saw the Iris take a large whales saw the John & Edward trailing but none for us Odear Odear what shall we do I know not time going on nothing doing Lat 34 23 S Long 113 50 E