

Bark Grace & crew Bedford

Saturday March 17th 1849

All this day fine weather - no whales
spoke the ship Grapes-Town at 11th
15 months 350 bbls of oil

Lat 29 02 Long 110 30 E

Tuesday March 27th 1849

All this day fresh trades saw-jumpers
killers & a good grant us some whales
Odeon when shall we get home near
three months since we have seen a whale

Lat 26 17 S Long 112 00 E

Friday March 30th 1849

First point saw a shoal of whales going
off down boat and got one better cut
him in and began to boil light breezes

Lat 26 13 S Long 110 30 E

Sunday April 1st 1849

All this day gentle trades saw-jumpers.

Lat 26 18 Long 109 50

Tuesday April 3rd 1849

All this day light air and calm at 5
PM saw whales at a dirt down boats
but night came on got nothing better
stormed down Lat 25 48 Long 109 40 E

Sunday April 8th 1849

All this day light air and calm a strong
current setting to the NW saw nothing

Lat 26 27 S Long 109 14 E

Friday April 13th 1849

First point strong breezes latter calm
no whales Lat 25 59 S Long 111 50 E

Cruiser where there are no whales

Saturday April 15th 1849

All this day light breezes from the E
steering WSW saw nothing a good grant
us some oil. This is dull work I am home
sick I know - not able to do almost
20 months out with 250 bbls

Lat 26 13 Long 110 15 E

Wednesday April 20th 1849

First and mid parts heavy rain and fresh
squall from E at 4 am barometer fell suddenly
to 28.8 at day light began to blow a
hurricane took away the star-board mast
break of the main yard in the slings tore
the main top sail in ribbons from the
close reef down the fore top gallant sail got
clear from the gaskets and went to pieces
the fore top must stay sail blew away
stove the bow-boat left the ship under-
bare poles the sea running very high
at 9 am began to moderate but still a
hard gale and harder squalls got down the
light spans the Grace is one of the best
ships in gale that I ever saw at 11 am
the bar 29.7 and cleared up 6 50 I thank
the our-ship is still afloat so ends the wind
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Lat 26 30 S Long 109 50 E

Thursday April 19th 1849

Begins with a strong gale from the SW
got the main yard down bent a new stay
sail at 6 PM the bar 29.75 and rising
latter moderate got up a new main
yard and other jobs Lat 26 10 Long 109 20

Friday April 20th 1849

All this day employed in bedding sails and
leaving up the ship two boats gone leaves
us without a spare one Lat 25 55 Long 109 25