

Journal of a Whaling Voyage in the *Brigg Hepeton*

Monday 7 June 30th Lat 31-16 N Long 151-10 W
first and middle part of this day fine breeze from the Westward, first part steering to the S.W. at 9 A.M. steered S.E. at 4 P.M. raised a sail run for it but did not get near enough to make fire out, but to the wind and shortened sail at sundown heading to the S.E.

Tuesday July 1st Lat 31-16 N Long 151-10 W
this day fine breeze and pleasant from the S.W. steering to the S.E. at 7 P.M. gained with the *Blake* and *Fanned*. The *Blake* had seen 11 whales twice and got nothing, the *Fanned* seen nothing.

Wednesday July 2nd Lat 31-16 N Long 151-10 W
this day fine breeze and pleasant from the Southward heading to the S.W. at 7 P.M. Gained with the *Fanned*, at 10 P.M. separated steering W by N. The *Blake* went out of sight heading to the Eastward.

Thursday July 3rd Lat 30-30 N Long 151-31 W
there twenty-four hours fine breeze and pleasant from the S.E. steering to the Northward and Westward in sight of the *Fanned*.

Friday July 4th Lat 31-00 N Long 152-15 W
this day fine breeze and pleasant from the Eastward steering to the N.W. until 5 P.M. tack ship heading to the S.E. at 12 A.M. were out of sight of the *Fanned*, and merchant vessel in sight steering to the N.E., lowered the Harbor Boat and picked up a piece of cabin.

Saturday July 5th Lat 31-12 N Long 152-18 W
fine breezes and pleasant from the Eastward at 5 A.M. raised a school of sperm whales, lowered the boats the mate got one head him along side and had his body in at 7 P.M. stood quarter watches through the night the *Fanned* and one merchant vessel in sight. The whales going N.E.



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Sunday July 6th Lat 31-16 N Long 151-10 W
fine breezes and pleasant from the Westward at 12 had the pump in and hose bailed, hoisted forward standing to the N.W., trying out one schooner in sight, caught 2 dolphins.

Monday July 7th Lat 31-16 N Long 151-10 W
first and middle part of this day fine breeze from the S.W. standing on the wind, heavy fog at sea one sail.

Tuesday July 8th Lat 31-16 N Long 151-10 W
this day the first part squally, blowing fresh all day from the S.W. standing to the S.E. until 5 P.M. were ship heading to the N.W. at 4 P.M. had all tried out and the vessel washed off. stood no logs the latter part of the day so ends this day, and may we be blessed with as much as good a year soon.

Wednesday July 9th Lat 31-16 N Long 151-10 W
this day fresh breezes from the S.W. standing on the wind heading to the Westward until 3 P.M. were ship heading to the S.E. Gained with the *Bark Arab* of Fairhaven 9 months out 360 lbs sperm, took one 60 lbs whale Friday and one 50 lbs whale Sunday last. Gained with the *Altamaha* seen 11 whales twice got none, so ends this day.

Thursday July 10th Lat 31-06 N Long 151-18 W
first and middle part of this day fine breeze from the S.W. latter part squally with some standing on the wind tack and tack. the *Altamaha* and *B Arab* in sight, the water looking very dark.

Friday July 11th Lat 31-01 N Long 151-48 W
this day fine breezes from the S.W. very pleasant standing on the wind tack and tack. the *Altamaha*, and one schooner in sight, the schooner heading to the S.E. lowered and picked up a box of hands, saw Campbell caught one dolphin made and crossed a fore degalant-yard.