

Ship Erie of Fairhaven Capt. E. M.

Monday Jan 31st. A.D. 1853

First part
Stiff gales from S. by W. steering E. S. E. the light
sail in saw nothing at 7 P.M. hove to under a Close
R main top sail & Staysail head W. S. W. Middle
& latter parts blows a hard gale from S. S. W.
Ship on the Worn tack. Lat. 43° 04' S.
Long. 162° 04' E.

Tuesday Feb. 1st

All this day blows a gale
from S. S. W. the ship under Close main & fore top sails
on the Eern tack at 8 A.M. 2 right whales came
alongside could not lower Lat. 47° 21' S.
Long. 161° 16'

Wednesday Feb. 2nd

First part a strong
breeze from S. wind & pleasant at 3 P.M. saw a
ship with top sail & top gallant sails set steering N. E.
at 8 P.M. wore ship E. S. E. Middle & latter parts
strong breeze at W. S. W. the ship on the worn
tack lower twice for whales without success
Lat. 47° 17' S.
Long. 162° 53' E.

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Thursday Feb. 3rd. A.D. 1853

This day strong
Windy breeze & rugged weather at 2 P.M. lower for right
whales the waist boat struck the lar boat second & third
the waist boat held on until nearly out of sight & at sunset
cut middle & latter part strong wind & rugged
at 8 A.M. the star boat struck & at 10 A.M. lost his line
& shooked the boat. So ends this day
Lat. 47° 48' S.
Long. 163° 00' E.

Friday Feb. 4th

First part strong breeze
at W. S. W. at 3 P.M. lowered for the whale the waist boat
poked up the line the star & lar boats struck & after
2 hours running drewed the waist boat parted the whale
was cut so badly that he could not turn flukes middle
& latter parts light air & calm saw nothing at 6 P.M.

Saturday Feb. 5th

This day strong breeze at
N. by W. ship on both tacks saw & lower for whales once
could not get hold at 6 P.M.