

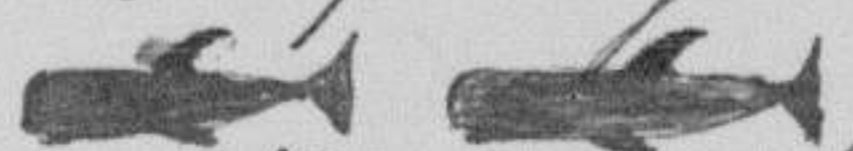
employed fitting Boats for Whaling. A happy Christmas may it be to the friends left behind, but to me it is a gloomy one when I consider how long it will be ere we meet again.

Lat Obs 35° 32' N Long 65° 50' W

Wednesday Dec. 26th First part light breezes from NW & clear weather. Latter part strong windy from SW. Steering to the SE. At noon saw a shoal of Blackfish. Lowered larboard & waist Boats in pursuit.

Lat Obs 34° 42' Long 63° 35' W

Thursday Dec. 27th First part fresh breezes & pleasant weather. At 1 A.M. the Boats came alongside with each a Blackfish. This fish is of the Whale species and the manner of taking them is the same as taking a whale. I therefore have some idea of the business we are going upon. Took off the Blubber and Head and tried it out which yielded about one & a half lbs oil. Middle and latter part light windy and pleasant weather.



Lat Obs 34° 28' Long 62° 00'

Friday Dec. 28th First part light Southerly breezes & pleasant weather. Middle & latter part strong Westerly gales. Reefed Topsails.

Lat Obs 34° 42' N Long 58° 10' W

Saturday Dec. 29th Strong breezes and cloudy weather the first part of the 24 hours and latter part more moderate. Wind Westerly.

Long 55° 40' W Lat Obs 0. Sun Obscured.

Sunday Dec. 30th First part light breezes and fair weather. Middle part strong gales with thunder, lightning and rain. Close reefed the Topsails.

No Obs. Sun Obscured Long 53° 05'

Monday Dec. 31st The Old Year closes with strong gales and rain. Winds N Westerly. Under close reefed Topsails.

Long 50° 20' No observation. Sun Obscured.

Tuesday January 1st 1833 Strong gales with rain and a large sea running. Under close reefed Topsails. Wind Northerly.

Lat Obs 35° 53' Long 48° 00' W

Wednesday Jan. 2 Strong N.E. gales and heavy showers of rain. Under close reefed Topsails. Steering by the wind to E & S.

Lat Obs 35° 41' N

Long 45° 10' W

Thursday January 3rd 1833 First and middle part fresh gales with rain. Midnight wind hauled to NW. Latter part fine breezes and fair weather. Set all Sail. Lat Obs 35° 22' N

Long 44° 05' W

Friday Jan. 4th Strong increasing gales from NW. Clouds up the Topsails. Steering East, Southerly. Lat Obs 34° 45' N

Long 40° 40' W

Saturday Jan. 5th Strong gales from North & N.E. and squally weather. Middle & latter part brisk breezes & pleasant weather.

Lat Obs 33° 22' N Long 38° 10'

Sunday Jan. 6th Brisk breezes from SW and pleasant weather. Steered East & S.E. under whole Topsails & M.T.G. Sail.

Lat Obs 32° 04' N Long 35° 05'

Monday Jan. 7th Squally with rain. Wind SW. Took in M.T.G. Sail & reefed Topsails. Lat Obs 0 Sun Obscured. Long 32° 36'

Tuesday Jan. 8th Light breezes and pleasant weather. Set up the lower rigging &c. Lat Obs 30° 11' Long 31° 40' W

Wednesday Jan. 9th Light Southwesterly winds & calm and pleasant weather. Steering to the SE, under all Sail.

Lat Obs 29° 53' N Long 31° 11' W

Thursday Jan. 10th Light windy and variable. All hands at work on rigging &c. Lat Obs 28° 48' Long 30° 08' W

Friday Jan. 11th Fine breezes from the Southward & Westward and pleasant weather. All hands at work on rigging. At 10 A.M. took a Lunar Observation and the Longitude deduced was 28° 33' W.

Lat Obs 27° 16' N Long 28° 28'

Saturday Jan. 12th Fine breezes from the SE, West and round to the Northward. Weather mild and pleasant. Caught a Dolphin.

Lat Obs 25° 27' N Long 28° 19' W

Sunday Jan. 13th Light breezes and fair weather. All Sail set. Lower, two topmast and three top St. Steering Saily. At 10 A.M. took a Lunar Obs. & made the Long. 27° 24'. Lat Obs 22° 57' N

Long 27° 40' W