

Journal of A Whaling voyage of the Ship Alfred

Took the Bow Boat in on deck latter part  
fine weather moderate breeze in the soup  
For dinner all hands employed in getting ready  
For Cape Horn Lat Long  
66 days out

Friday Jan 6<sup>th</sup>

Begins with strong breezes from the S W  
heading to the southward under easy sail  
Middle part more moderate with fine  
weather at day light made and sent down  
the mizen topsail and repaired it and bent it  
again at 2 P.M. took a moderate gale  
from the N W with heavy squalls put her  
under double reefed topsails and reefed main  
sail at 5 P.M. bore her to under easy sail  
blowing fresh saw a fin back so ends  
67 days out. Lat 41-32 S Long 52-37 W

Saturday Jan 7<sup>th</sup>

Begins with a heavy gale from the S W  
Laying to on the Starboard tack under short  
sail At 12 o'clock took in the waist Bout  
And lashed her on the Tryworks (middle)  
Latter part the same with heavy squalls  
68 days out

Sunday Jan 8<sup>th</sup>

Begins with a moderate gale from the S W  
Laying to on the Starboard tack under short  
sail Middle part more moderate with  
fine weather at daylight set the fore topsail  
and reefed & reefed main sail heading S S E  
Latter part moderate breezes much more sail  
69 days out

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Monday Jan 9<sup>th</sup> 1860

Begins with a calm at 1 A.M. the wind  
blew up from the N W made sail and  
steered S W with good weather Middle  
part strong breezes broke out for water & meat  
Took a fin back and killed a pig latter  
part the same strong winds took in the Topgallant  
sails & flying jib and singler reefed the mizen  
Topsail steering S W by S so ends  
70 days out

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup>

Begins with strong breezes from the N W  
steering S W by S with good weather at daylight  
made all sail Middle part strong breezes attended  
with some rain at noon sent down the main  
Topgallant and orbent the sail at 3 P.M. the  
wind fell to the Westward braced up and stood  
on the wind to the Southward latter part  
light winds and fine weather made all sail  
71 days out Lat 46-00 S Long 57-36 W

Wednesday Jan 11<sup>th</sup>

Begins with light winds from the N W and  
fine weather steering S W under all sail 6 o'clock  
blowing fresh took in the Topgallant sails & flying  
jib Middle & latter part more moderate  
made sail again at 4 P.M. exchanged signals  
with a Barge supposed to be the Henry Taber  
of New Bedford bound around the horn steering  
S W by S with fine weather Lat 48 S Long 61 W  
At 10 P.M. commenced blowing and raining took  
in the jib & mainsail & double reefed the fore & mizen  
Main topsails blowing fresh steering S by W  
72 days out