

Journal of a Whaling voyage of the Ship Alfred Gibbs

Thursday Jan 12th 1860

Begins with a gale from the W with heavy squalls
took in the fore & mizen topsails and here he took
On the Starboard tack under reefed foresail
And double reefed main topsail and fore-stay
Stay sail & main spencers off middle part moderate
with less squalls At 5 P M set the fore & mizen
Topsails closed reefed a heavy sea running
73 days out Lat 49-47 S Long 62-14 W

Friday Jan 13th 1860

Begins with a moderate gale from the
W heading to the Southward under easy
Sail & Middle part moderate with fine
Weather made more sail Brought out for
Bread & cheese the Steward we shipped in St
Jago sick with rotten shins put him in between
Decks on the cask & Sails in sight 4 P M
Dead calm at 7 took the Wind from the
S E made all sail Steering S W Lattas past
Light Winds and fine weather so ends
74 days out

Saturday Jan 14th

Begins with strong Breezes from the S E Steering
S W took in the Topgalant sails and double reefed
The Topgails Middle part moderate with fine
Weather made all sail Lattas past the same
With the wind from the Westward Steering S W
3 sails in sight
75 days out

Sunday Jan 15th 1860

Begins with light Breezes from the W
Steering S W at 1 P M took a squall
The S W took in the Topgalant sails & closed

to the Pacific Ocean Capt E Nichols Master

Down the Topgails & double reefed them
heading to the S E Eastward Middle part light
Winds and variable attended with squalls from
All quarters working to the Southward under
Easy sail 1 sail in sight cleared about home
Lattas past Wind from the N W Steering S with
76 days out

Monday Jan 16th 1860

Begins with light baffling viziers from all
quarters attended with rain & hail working
to the Southward under all sail Middle part
Moderate with fine weather At 1 P M took
The wind from the N W Steering S moderate
Sail 5 P M commenced raining 1 sail in sight
and plenty of fine Breezes Lattas past the same
Light Breezes from the N W Steering S by E under
All sail
77 days out

Tuesday Jan 17th

Begins with light Breezes from the westward
With fine weather Steering S by E under all sail
At 9 A M took a Lunar found the obsⁿ to be correct
Middle part the same At 5 P M raised Plateau
Land right ahead about 20 miles dist At 9 P M
The Cape St John bore West about 4 miles dist 1 sail
In sight Lattas past strong Breezes took in the
Topgalant sails and halled her up S W by S for
Cape Horn
78 days out

Wednesday Jan 18th

Begins with light Breezes from the N W Steering
S W by S with fine weather Middle part moderate
Made all sail 8 sail in sight Lattas past a
Gale from the W attended with heavy squalls
Steering to the Southward under double reefed
79 days out