

Journal of a Voyage in Ship Gideon 1839

Mon 4th of October Commences clear and calm heading N with Star-tacks aboard a sail astern at 10 am saw whales to windward lowered boats pulled up to them proved to be fin backs and grampus the watch employed in cleaning the ship middle and latter part calm so ends this day

Lat $00^{\circ} 16' N$ Long by Chron $167^{\circ} 02' E$

Tues 5th first part clear and calm Pleasant Island in sight bearing ENE several canoes came on board with hats & coconuts middle and latter part clear & light breeze from Westward the watch employed in washing the ship out side steering E by N

Lat by Obs $00^{\circ} 40' S$ Long by Chron $167^{\circ} 53' E$

Weds 9th first part calm Pleasant Island bearing SSW middle and latter part light winds from the S heading to the E the watch employed in ordinary duty

Lat by Obs $00^{\circ} 32' S$ Long $168^{\circ} 14' E$

Thurs 10th first part clear weather light breeze from NNE steering NE middle and latter part calm at 12 am saw a whales carcass the watch employed in doing nothing so ends this day

Lat by Obs $00^{\circ} 40' S$ Long by Chron $168^{\circ} 28' E$

Frid 11th first part clear and light winds from SW steering N at 11 am saw whale lowered W and B Boat struck killed them took them along side cut in one and double reefed the topsails heading SSE with main yard aback so ends this day

Lat 35 miles South Long

Sat 12 at day light commenced cutting the other whale finished and commenced boiling clear and light winds from the E heading all about the compass

Lat by Obs $00^{\circ} 05' S$ Long by Chron $168^{\circ} 14' E$

Sund 13th first part calm at 12 am finished boiling and washed the decks off the whales turned up & barreled latter part strong breeze from the E heading SSE

Lat by Obs 4 miles S Long by Chron $168^{\circ} 08' E$

Mon 14th first part of these 24 hours strong winds from the ENE heading SE at 12 tacked to the Northward at 6 tacked to the SSE at 10 took in topgallant saw grampus & black fish the watch doing nothing

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Tues 15th of October first part good weather light winds the watch employed in repairing mizzen topgallant at 5 pm saw whales chased them till sundown

Lat $00^{\circ} 16' N$ Long $167^{\circ} 51' E$

Weds 16th at day light commenced breaking out on the L side to stow down at 7 am saw whale lowered 4 boats L Boat struck and killed one kept on chasing them till 2 pm came on board cut him in commenced boiling will make perhaps 14 barrels light winds and fine weather so ends this day

Lat $00^{\circ} 09' S$ Long $168^{\circ} 00' E$

Thurs 17th commences clear and light winds from the E at 4 am finished boiling the whale he turned up 16 barrels after breakfast began stowing down stowed down 106 barrels in the main hold on the larboard side.

this day saw black fish and porpoises &c so ends this day

Lat by Chron $00^{\circ} 31' S$ Long by Chron $167^{\circ} 26' E$

Frid 18th first part light winds and fine weather at day light saw a canoe off the weather beam sent a boat to her proved to be a canoe bound from Pleasant Island to Ocean Island had lost her reckoning was out of water and provision took her along side and strip her had 25 persons on board men women and children stood to the SE all this day for Pleasant Island to land our passengers at 6 pm saw a sail 4 points off the weather bow latter part clear and light winds

Lat $00^{\circ} 23' S$ Long by Chron $167^{\circ} 23' E$

Sat 19th commences fine weather light winds at 6 am saw whales chased them got nothing say to the S of us at 10 am kept off for the land which was in sight at day light went in and landed the natives we picked up. Saw another sail to windward standing to the SE at 2 pm left the island heading to the N saw another sail standing in for the land saw fin backs &c at sundown the land bearing SSE distant 10 miles

Lat $00^{\circ} 31' S$ Long $167^{\circ} 13' E$