

Ship Gideon Howland Cruising

Monday Dec 30th 1839. Commences calm and rainy
at 7 am saw whales lowered 4 boats got
5 whales 2 to the S.B. and 1 to the L. and 1 to the B. and
1 to the S.B. boat got them along side at 12 am
and commenced cutting got them all in at
sun down middle and latter part of this
day good weather strong winds and dark
in sight to windward suppose it to be
the Strait of London
got no shore this day

Tues Dec 31st Commences strong gales from N.E. heading
N.W. at daylight began to boil cleared
away the heads &c the barge Albert passed
under our lee standing to the southward
middle and latter part the same so ends
this day and year
Lat by Chron 1° 30' S Long by Chron 146° 29' E

January 1840

Wednesday 1st Commences fine weather strong winds from
N.E. heading E.S.E. at day light a bark passed
under our lee standing the other way
All hands employed in boiling out
at 2 pm tacked to the N. at 6 pm finished
boiling & turned up 71 lbs
Lat by Chron 1° 28' S Long by Chron 144° 4' 30" E

Thurs Jan 2nd first part fine weather strong winds
from E.S.E. a bark in sight at 4 am
kept off N.W. for Byrons Island at 10 am
saw a ship ahead steering the same course
at 2 pm raised the land ahead at 5 pm
spoke the ship was the Galen of Warren
Capt Braden 15 mcs out 450 lbs at last
took in sail for the night
Lat by Chron 1° 10' S Long 146° 5' East



On the Line M Baker Master 1841

Fri Jan 3rd 1840 Commences fine weather light winds
Byrons Island bearing S by E at day light.
The Galen astern steering for the land
saw a ship to leeward and a bark to windward
middle and latter part good weather
Lat by Chron 1° 40' S Long by Chron 144° 4' East

Sat Jan 4th fine weather strong winds from E.S.E.
at daylight saw Hope Island ran down part
it. At 2 pm saw Tanager ran down under
the lee of it got coconuts &c at 6 pm double
reeft topsails and stood to the S.E.
All hands employed stowing down oil in the
fore hold on the L. side stowed down 91 lbs
Lat by Chron 2° 31' S Long by Chron 145° 5' East

Sund Jan 5th fine weather strong winds from
the S. Tanager bearing N.W. at 12 am
ran down under the lee of it brought
coconuts &c at 4 pm filled and stood
to the S.E. under double reef topsails
Lat 2° 24' S Long 145° 5' East

Mon Jan 6th fine weather strong winds from
S.E. working to windward saw fin back
the watch employed diminishing a new
main topsail middle and latter part winds light
Lat by Chron 2° 39' South Long by Chron 145° 44'

Tues Jan 7th light winds and squally steering to the East
winds from E by S middle and latter part
the same unkent the fly jib bent anew one
Lat by Chron Long by Chron 146° 51' East

Weds 8th fine weather light winds at day light
saw whales got 2 of them 1 to the S and 1 to
the L. boat got them along side 8 pm
cut them in and began to boil
Lat by Chron 3° 37' S Long 147° 32' E

