

Off Shore Ground July 1842

Thursday July 14th 1842

Strong wind and squally weather. Employed in washing ship. 2 A.M. took ship to the N. E. Latter parts steering N. W. W. Saw finbacks. Lat 5. 56 South. Long 102. 04 W.

Friday July 15th 1842

Strong trades and squally weather. Steering N. W. W. 6 pm luffed to the wind. hauled up the courses, and reefed the topsails. Latter part wore ship to N. E. So Enad. Lat 5. 50 S. Long 102. 19 W.

Saturday July 16th 1842

Strong trades from S. E. and squally weather. Middle & latter parts much the same. With the hold &c Lat 6. 02 S. Long 102. 29

Sunday July 17th 1842

Strong trades and squally weather. Steering N. W. Middle parts lying too with reefed topsails. At 7 A.M. saw a whale off the weather beam having the appearance of a sperm whale he went down and that is the last that we saw of him. Lat 5. 35 South. Long 102. 35 West.

Monday July 18th 1842

Strong trades and heavy squalls. At 6 pm. reefed the topsails. Middle and latter parts strong. Saw finbacks. Lat 5. 25 South. Long 102. 11 West.

Vector. James Gray, Commander

Tuesday August 9th 1842

Commenced with fresh trades with all sail out. At 6 pm. took in topgallant sails. flying 1st Latter part moderated. Employed in rigging out a starboard bow boat. So Enad these 24 hours. Lat 3. 05 S. Long 98. 41 W.

Wednesday Aug 10th 1842

Saw cow fish breaching. Middle parts light. Latter part strong. Lowered 2 boats for a sulphur bottom. Got within a boat's length and off he went. So Enad. No Observation

Thursday August 11th 1842

Commenced strong and squally. saw nothing. middle parts light with all sail out. Latter fine So Enad. Lat 1. 28 South

Friday August 12th 1842

Finer trades and pleasant weather. Caught a porpoise. Middle parts fine with all sail out. Latter the same. Lat 00. 22 South. Long 97. 05 West.

Saturday August 13th 1842

Pleasant weather saw nothing of note. Middle parts fine. Latter part same. Experienced a strong current setting to N. W. So Enad these 24 hours. Lat 00. 55 N. Long 96. 04 W.