

1859

Desolation Cruising

Remarks from Jan 6 to 24th
 Strong Breeze in variable from the Westward
 ship under short sail cruising several ships in
 sight every day. 10 struck a whale with the Larboard
 Boat killed him but had to lose him
 blowing a gale 22 struck an ~~un~~ boat
 from him blowing black came on deck and
 ship a long way off to leeward lowering nearly
 every day whales very shy. cruising from the 15th
 47.15 S to 48.00 do. Long from 69.50 E to 70.30 E
 Down at 11 am when we shall get and 23 spoke
 the Richard Mitchell 22 months out of hundred

Jan 24th

Begins & ends with a light Breeze from the N
 ship by the wind an other boat at the 1/2 way
 sound.

No observations

Jan 25th

Begins and ends with a thick fog wind
 North ship under short sail at 1/2 the 1/2
 sound.

No observations

Jan 26th

Begins with a heavy overcast weather wind light
 N ship by compass 3 ships in sight middle part
 7 in lowered for a whale Starboard Boat went
 on and killed him latter part lowered but
 without success ending with a thick fog.

Lat by Meridian Altitude 47.40 S
 Long by Chronometer 69.59 E

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Thursday Jan 27

Commences and ends with strong Breeze from
 N.W. ship by the wind an other boat cruising due
 North but several sail seen

Lat by Meridian Altitude 47.40 S
 Long by Chronometer 69.59 E

Friday Jan 28

The weather has blowing strong party of whales
 in sight too rugged to lower several sails in sight
 at 10 am set the 200 Whales in sight middle
 part more moderate lowered struck the waist
 Boat got badly stove & lost a line over as

No observations.

Saturday Jan 29

Begins & ends with a gale of wind from N ship
 under storm sail an other boat sound seen all
 in sight.

Lat by Meridian Altitude 47.50 S
 Long by Chronometer 70.00 E