

Remarks on Board Ship Herald 1848

Thursday May 18

Lat 29-42 First part of this day a light air from
Long 112-01 W. E. cleared by the wind to the S. E. latter
part a fresh breeze from the Eastward. saw
fin backs and porpoises at ends

Friday May 19. Begins with a light breeze from

Lat 31-36 west at 2 P.M. saw a dead whale a. I sent a
Long 113-07 boat to him but found him good for nothing
middle part shortened sail at daylight
made sail latter part a strong breeze
from W. E. cleared S. E. see some fin backs
at ends

Saturday May 20th

Lat 32-01 First part of this day a fresh breeze
Long 114-00 from W. E. middle and latter part a
strong breeze with squally weather with
the wind from the westward double
reefed the topsails steered S. E.

Sunday May 21st.

Lat 33-21 First part of this day a strong
Long 114-28 gale from the W. E. cleared by the wind
to the southward. latter part a strong gale
with heavy squalls hauled the fore and
mizen topsails at noon wore ship

Monday May 22

Lat 32-39 First part of this day a strong gale from
Long W. E. latter part more moderate at 6 P.M.
made sail and steered S by E at ends

Tuesday May 23. First part of this day
a strong breeze from S. W. steered S by E
at sunset shortened sail and wore ship.
latter part light airs and calms with
some light squalls of rain at 10 P.M.
saw the land to the Eastward distant 25 miles
no observation

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Wednesday May 24

Lat 33-42 Begins with light baffling airs and
Long 114-50 calms with some squalls of rain latter
part a strong breeze from the southward
with squally weather cleared to the Eastward
Thursday May 25 First part of this day a strong
breeze at 2 P.M. saw the land at 4 saw sperm whales
and hoard for them but could not come up with
them at 6 got on board headed off S. E. latter
part a moderate breeze from the Eastward
steered by the wind to the S. E. at ends

Friday May 26

Lat 35-43 All these 24 hours a fresh breeze from S. E.
to S. E. with clear weather at 2 P.M. saw a sperm
whale going quick to the windward side a
number of fin backs at sunset shortened sail
at daylight made sail and steered
to the westward at ends

Saturday May 27 First part of this day a fresh
breeze from S. W. at 4 P.M. tacked to the W. E. at sunset
shortened sail at midnight took in the waist boat
at 6 P.M. at the fore top sail at 7 saw the land and
hauled off on a wind hauled the fore top sail at 8
at the fore and mizen topsails down reefed. bent a
new fore sail and set it. set the main sail
at 10 hauled the main sail set the spanker at
noon reefed the main sail the land under our lee
distant 9 miles with a strong gale of wind. at ends

Sunday May 28

Lat 35-10 Commences with a strong gale from the south
steered by the wind to the S. E. carrying all
the sail the ship could bare to keep clear of the
land at 4 P.M. run for King Georges sound but was
mistaken in the land and shaded by the wind
again and by carrying all the sail we could
not clear of the land latter part more moderate
barned one reef out of the topsails set fore
main sail and main top gallant sail
at ends