

Ship Isaac Howland

Wednesday
November 5th
1836 These 24 hours strong N.E. trades and cloudy with frequent showers of rain working to windward under easy sail. All employed breaking out & stowing down oil. Saw 1 blue shark and 100 finback seals. Lat by Obs 5° 50' South

Thursday
November 6th Moderate trades and pleasant weather standing south. P.M. finished stowing oil at 7. All tacked N.E. nothing in sight. Lat by Obs 6° 37' South Long by Chronometer 104° 08' W.

Friday
November 7th Breeze and rather fast light winds. Middle part squally standing to the N.E. nothing in sight. Lat by Obs 6° 33' South

Saturday
November 8th These 24 hours strong N.E. trades and rough working to windward under easy sail at meridian whales in sight off the weather beam so ends this day. Lat 6° 50' S

Sunday
November 9th These 24 hours strong trades and squally with a rough sea at 1 P.M. hove up for whales and if their heads had been where their asses were we should have fastened. But being the reverse we did not. Lat by Obs 5° 59' South

Whaling in the Pacific

Wednesday
November 10th Strong trades and squally at 10 P.M. lowered for whaler did not fasten employed grafting block stops &c so ends this day which had ought to have ended otherwise

Thursday
November 10th These 24 hours moderate trades and slowly steering off North and N.N.W. P.M. unhooked the Main & sail and repaired it. All broke out for water and provisions. Summed the cargo of the ship. Keel & nothing in sight. Lat by Obs 5° 32' North

Friday
November 11th Begins with light N.E. trades and slow steering off N. by N. at 6 P.M. hauled up and shortened sail for the night. All caplin and saw nothing in sight employed grafting ship. Out side. Lat by Obs 5° 00' S

Saturday
November 12th Commences with light trades and slow steering off from N.W. to S.W. at 6 P.M. hauled on the wind to the South at 7 A.M. with ship to the North saw finbacks. Employed grafting ship out side. Repaired main & fore boom off an old main yard (concluded). Lat by Obs 4° 51' South