

Barbabella Cruising For Sperm Whales

Wednesday February the 2^d Day
First part strong trades. Ship heading to the northward under
single reefed top sails. Saw black fish & many cow fish
at sun down took in sail. Middle part heading to the
northward. Latter part strong trades & rugged weather. At 7 A.M.
Saw Sperm Whales. lowered & struck one took the whale along
side at 10 A.M. started the line before we got the fluke chain
on. Made sail & beat up again. ran the line to the ship
parted again. Made sail again took him along side again
& put the fluke chain in (meaning round to cut to toward
hook along side a third time & gave up the idea of cutting until
better weather.

Lat 7.48 Long 135.51

Thursday February the 3^d Day
First part strong trades with a heavy swell. Ship going on
the whole. Middle part the same. Latter part headed
on to the whole & cut him in. finished at 11 A.M.

Lat 7.36 Long 136.04

Friday February the 4th
First part fine weather employed chasing away the whales head
clearing up the deck & boiling. Ship heading to the S.E. Middle
part under short sail employed boiling. Latter part heading
to the northward strong trades & rugged. Ship under short sail

Lat 7.29

Saturday February the 5th
First part strong trades & rugged weather. Ship heading to the
northward under short sail employed boiling. Many birds
& fish in sight. Middle part heading as above strong trades
with hard squalls of wind & rain. Latter part squally & rainy
Ship heading to northward finished boiling.

Lat 7.44 Long 136.04 cont

To North Of The Line February 1853

Sunday February the 6th
First part light breeze from the eastward with frequent rain squalls
at dark saw sperm whales. At late to lower for them. Middle part
heading to northward with light breeze & frequent rain squalls
Latter part strong trades & rugged. Ship under double reefed top sails
Many birds in sight & plenty of fish around

Lat 7.48 Long 136.07

Monday February the 7th Day
First part strong trades Ship under double reefed top sails heading
to the northward. At sun down saw sperm whales to windward
at late to lower. Middle & last part squally & rainy. Ship heading
by the wind on different tracks

Lat 7.28 North

Tuesday February the 8th
First part strong trades with much rain. Ship under double
reefed top sails heading to the northward. Middle & last part
strong trades rugged & squally. Ship heading on different tracks
Saw nothing except birds & fish

Lat 7.46 Long 135.56 cont

Wednesday February the 9th
First part strong trades. Squally weather & rugged. Ship on different
tracks under double reefed top sails. Middle part the same ship under
short sail. Latter part light breeze & pleasant weather. Ship under all
sail heading to the southward. Saw nothing.

Lat 8.10 Long 136.11

Thursday February the 10th
First part gentle breeze & fine weather. Ship heading to the southward
Saw black fish. Cow fish porpoises & many small fish. also
many birds. Middle & last part heading to the S.E. under
short sail. thick & rainy with strong trades

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