

Ship La Fayette off Gallapagos Islands

Saturday Nov 21st 1845

Chatham Isl. Fine weather with light winds from S Steering
dist 25 miles N.W. & at night heaved to the wind heading E
Latter part saw Black Fish

Sunday Nov 22nd

Light winds and fine weather Steaming
at 4 P.M. saw sperm whales in with the
land Steered in for them at 5 P.M. lowered
the Boats for them got up to one of them
at sunset got the Boat stove but never
struck the whale saw nothing the remainder
the day

Monday Nov 23rd

Chatham Isl. Light breezes from S.E. and squally with
dist 30 miles fog Steaming N.W. & Mica and Lotta
past saw nothing employed in mending
the L. Boat

Tuesday Nov 24th

Light winds from S.E. with some fog
Chatham Isl. at 9 eve wore ship to E. Mica past
dist 6 miles moderate Lotta past steered in for the
land but one chain and a get the
anchor off the bottom

Wednesday Nov 25th

Light air and calm at 5 P.M. came
to anchor in 13 fathoms water on lee
side Chatham Island at 3 A.M. sent
the Boats after Tupper

Thursday Nov 26th

Lotta 38 miles S. Fine weather at 4 P.M. the Boats
returned found nothing at 5 A.M. got
under weigh and stood to sea

Continued

Friday Nov 27th 1845

Lotta 34 miles S. Strong breezes from S heading E by S 1 Brig
Long 88. 24 " in light heading the same Mica and Lotta
past the same saw nothing of note

Saturday Nov 28th

Light winds and fine weather heading E.S.E.
Lotta 27 miles S. by the wind Mica past the same at 9 A.M.
Long 88. 28 70. saw sperm whales to windward and going
quick to windward did not lower the Boats

Sunday Nov 29th

Commenced with light winds from S.
Lotta 1. 02 S. heading E.S.E. Mica past strong winds
Long 87. 47 " Lotta past the same saw nothing of note

Monday Nov 30th

Strong breezes from S and squally weather
Lotta 1. 28 S heading E.S.E. at 4 P.M. tacked ship to W.S.W.
Long 89. 10.7 " Mica and Lotta past saw nothing but
strong tide rips

Tuesday Dec 1st

Strong winds from S Steaming W at 1 P.M. saw
Hood's Isl. at 4 P.M. saw sperm whales going
dist 10 miles quick to E.S.E. did not lower for them
have fatigue this as we have seen whales 4
times in 10 days and got nothing Mica and
Lotta past moderate saw nothing

Wednesday Dec 2nd

Hood's Isl. Light winds from S and fine weather
dist 35 to 30 heading W.S.W. at 4 P.M. tacked ship to
miles E.S.E. Mica and Lotta past moderate
saw nothing but 1 sail