

Ship Leonidas of Fairhaven 1838

Saturday 20 of October

Commences with small breezes from SSW weather fine lowered for 2 whales could not faren at 4 lowered again without success Middle Moderate Keptane took 1 whale later strong breezes from NW flying claudes "saw nothing"

Sunday 21 Longitude 65° 20' E Latitude 34° 10' S

First part fresh gails from NW standing to South later light breezes from NW flying claudes saw two whales going to windward part lowered & gave up the chase to ends lively breeze standing to SxW all sail set

Monday 22 Longitude at 4 P.M. 65° 37' Latitude 34° 40' S

All these 24 hours fresh gails from NW to NW standing to NW saw 5 whales all going to NW part at 1 P.M. were ship stood to NW at 7 wore again watch employed in cleaning lane saw nothing under double reef

Tuesday 23 Longitude at 2 P.M. 65° 37' Latitude 35° 08' S

All these 24 hours fresh gails from NW later rainy weather at 8 P.M. were ship wind west ends with fresh breezes from NW rainy under double reef course NW

Wednesday 24 Longitude at 2 P.M. 64° 49' Latitude 35° 16' S

First & Middle parts light breezes from NW to West saw five whales part at night lowered & could not faren later light airs & Calms & heavy swell from NW saw several whales Choist without success

Thursday 25 Longitude at 3 P.M. by Chron 65° 05' by Lunar 64° 53' Latitude 35° 21' S

Commences with light airs from North Middle & later fresh breezes from North to NW flying claudes saw several whales Choist without success first part saw 1 ship bearing NW later 3 points of sea born

On Whaleground Indian Ocean

Friday 26 October

First part lively breezes from NW flying claudes standing to NW saw two whales middle part fresh gails were ship to West at 4 wore again ends with strong gails & heavy sea & rain at ship of 1/4 quarter at 11 P.M. lost Starboard boat of the Crains with all the Craft & line No observation

Saturday 27

At 12 30 wind shifted from North to SW in 1/4 moment with 1 hard gail & heavy rain which made our ship lighbour some hard at 4 more moderate & cleared some Sat 1/2 sail & C. mizen 1/2 sail standing to West 4 ships in sight at 12 middle part wore to SE at 9 P.M. wore again at 11 30 saw on ear lowered 2 boats picked up the ear & fild 2 or 3 miles to windward found Drug fiddle & several pesser sailing at 2 30 returned to ship wind light weather fine all sail in sight 4 ship & boiling put 1 boat on the Starboard Crains

Sunday 28 Longitude at 4 P.M. 65° 42' E Latitude 34° 45' S

First & Middle parts light breezes from South to SE fine weather 4 ships in sight spoke ship Messager New Bedford Kindness 1300 bbls oil & 600 sperm Boiling later part strong breezes saw 2 whales struck & killed one & sunk last 20 of line & 2 harpoons & lance boat stove lightly took his in part a nether on the Crains & commenced repairing her

Monday 29 Longitude at 3 P.M. 64° 58' Latitude 34° 31' S

First part strong breezes from NW & Overcast under double reef later fresh gails claudes under short sail heaving to the East 4 ship in sight

Tuesday 30 Longitude at 3 P.M. 65° 58' Latitude 34° 31' S

First part fresh gails from North & Overcast at 12 30 middle part wind shifted to NW rainy ends with hard gails from NW & rain lighing to heading NW & W No observation