

Ship Leonidas of Fairhaven

Monday 3 of December 1838

First part light breezes from S & E
 Clear & pleasant weather at high swell
 from W spoke Ships Electric & Swallow
 Leona Commander 600 & months out 13 whales
 & Ship Neptune Sag Harbor 14 whales
 this season 2100 in all & took another just
 before sunset Double reefed 3 sails & steered
 S.W. the night light breezes from East
 to N.W. sunrise foggy made all sail
 stowed S.W. fog cleared saw 3 ships ahead
 & whaling at 10 one took a whale along
 side Sails mostly breezes from N.W. & S.W.

Tuesday 4 Longitude 36° 38'

First part fine breezes from N.W. & W
 at 5 saw several whales lowered & could
 not fasten 4 ships to windward all got &
 cut in a whale middle Mercants later
 fresh breezes & flying clouds saw one whale
 going fast saw 2 ships take a whale

at 11 to spoke ship Chota being Latitude 37° 08'

Wednesday 5

First part strong breezes from N.W. & W
 & flying clouds at 11 Mercants tacked to
 the east saw a number of whales lowered
 struck & killed a whale the struck a matter
 killed the whale got stove & turned over lost fine
 the cook got a cut on the leg by a 2^d harpoon
 that was overboard & one man was senseless
 when the other boats came to their assistance
 later foggy cut in the whale & started a fire



Thursday 6

First & middle parts light breezes from
 N.W. to North & thick fog later mostly
 clear 5 ships in sight saw one whale
 going fast to leeward one ship to windward
 whaling so ends with all sail set standing
 to N.W. & hailing all these 24 hours Latitude 36 56

Cruising for Whales Indian Ocean

Friday 7 of December 1838

First & middle parts fresh breezes from
 N.W. & W mostly foggy at 6 P.M. finished
 hailing later strong breezes with fog & light
 rain at 8 wore ship to the West all hands
 employed in stowing down in after hold
 set Double reefs No observation

Saturday 8 Longitude at 4 P.M. 65° 22' E

First & middle parts fresh gails from
 N.W. & passing clouds at 4 P.M. finished
 stowing down & the Decks washed later
 strong gails & hard squalls set Double reefs at
 & lost reef at 11 took in 3 & Mizen 1 sail
 reefed 3 course & set it Mind West at 11 wore
 ship to N.W. employed in repairing tote

Latitude 37° 35' S

Longitude at 4 P.M. 65° 44'

Sunday 9 All these 24 hours strong gails from
 West with passing clouds & some squalls
 heading to S.W. under small sail & reef
 No 1 sail staysails & reef 1 sail at 8 A.M.
 wore ship to N.W. employed in repairing
 a boat & plenty birds & no whales Latitude 37° 48'

Monday 10 Longitude at 2 P.M. 65° 56'

All these 24 hours strong gails from
 N.W. & some squalls attended with rain
 leighing to leeward to N.W. saw nothing but
 birds Latitude 37° 11'

Tuesday 11 Longitude at 2 P.M. 65° 41'

Cam menaces with strong gails from W.S.W.
 & passing clouds at 5 more moderate
 set reef foresail at 4 A.M. took in 1 sail
 later strong gails from West & some rain
 saw a plenty birds & some whale feed
 at 10 cleared set reef foresail heading to North
 all these 24 hours Latitude 36 36

Wednesday 12 Longitude at 11 A.M. by lunar 64° 32' by Chron 65 58

First part fresh gails from W.S.W. flying
 clouds middle & later fresh breezes from
 & Mercants at 8 A.M. wore ship to S.W.
 All sail set first part on board the gail
 repaired & best it again later employed in
 mending gails Latitude 36