

Ship Leonidas of & from Fairhaven

Remarks on Board Wednesday 4 December 1853
 first part lively breezes from West & Squally
 Sept up cutting pendants & yucc blocks &c
 Middle part light & variable from West
 to NW with light showers of rain later
 Calm & A bad crop sea from NW & NW
 Watch Employed in ships duty
 At 7 P.M. Thermometer 29-7-10
 At 11 later - 29-7-10 No Observation
 Variation 4 P.M.

Thursday 5

Commences with Calm & A high swell
 from East at 4 P.M. A light air sprung
 up from SE just before sunset and the
 shout of A whale supposed it to be
 A sperm whale at 5-30 blowing an Ault
 reef At 9 hard squalls & heavy rain &
 reef at 10 took in F & Mz F sails at 1 P.M.
 More moderate set F & Mz F sails at 6 turned
 out one reef at 8 hard squalls attended with
 heavy rain & reef again ends same 14 days
 out & have not had but a very little time
 suitable to carry on ships duty Latitude 35-2
 At 7 P.M. Thermometer 29-7-10 Longitude at 2-50 - 53-35
 Middle & later winds South

Friday 6

First part strong gales from South & frequent
 squalls attended with rain At 2 P.M. reef
 F Course & field Mz F sail at 6-30 sharp
 lightning & distant thunder from NW &
 very wilde looking weather took in F & F sail
 later very squally heavy rain hard thunder
 & sharp lightning wind light & variable
 At 7 P.M. Thermometer 29-7-10
 at 3 A.M. - 29-6-10 Variation 4 P.M.
 at 12 Merid same

Saturday 7

Commences with light airs from diff points
 of the compass & heavy rain attended with thunder
 & lightning at 4 Cleared same light airs from
 SE at 6 wore ship to ENE Middle fine breeze
 & pleasant ends with small breeze from East & pleasant
 Thermometer 29-6-10 Longitude at 5-25

A Sperm Whaler voyage to the Indian
 where of Th. W. Stuart is Commander
 Sunday 8

Commences with small breeze from ESE
 & fine weather standing to NE & A bad sea
 Middle fine breeze & passing clouds later
 fresh gales & squally with light showers
 At 9-30 Double reef Mz F sails with sail
 At 11 C reef F & Mz F sails heading NW & E
 At 7 P.M. Thermometer 29-7-10
 At 3 A.M. - 29-7-10 Latitude 38-46
 At 12 Merid - 29-8-10 Variation 1 P.M. Westerly

Monday 9th

Commences with fresh gales & squally
 with showers At 12-30 C reef Mz F sail
 At 2 took in F & Mz at 3 reef F sail
 At 7 wore ship to SE at 11 strong gales
 & rough sea took in F sail At 6 A.M.
 set Reef F Course ends with strong
 gales & squalls with rain watch employed
 in sundry jobs
 At 1 P.M. Thermometer 29-8-10 Latitude 38-25
 at 12 Merid - 29-9-10

Tuesday 10

Commences with fresh gales from East squally
 with rain At 8 P.M. set C reef F & Mz F sails
 Middle & later more moderate turned reef out
 F sail one out Mz F sail & set Mz sail
 at 10 wore ship to East wind SSE & squally
 with light showers of rain & A bad sea
 watch employed in ships duty
 these winds & weather are tedious & trying all
 most constant gales squalls & rain & most
 of the time ahead Latitude 37-42
 Thermometer all these 24 hours 29-9-10

Wednesday 11

Ther 24 hours strong SSE winds &
 mostly cloudy under double & single reef
 & A bad swell from East

Thermometer 30-9-10
 Variation by the wind
 1 P.M.