

Ship Leonidas of the West Coast

Wednesday April 22th 1840

First part of these 24 hours fine breeze from NW to WNW & some squally middle line from the Westward & fine later strong breezes from South to SSE & flying Clouds saw finbacks Course ESE

Latitude at Merid 29-33.5

Long at 2 P.M. By Chro 108-53

at Lunar rate 107-32

Thursday 23

Last & Middle parts of these 24 hours fresh breezes from SE & flying Clouds at sunset took in sail for the night & set Boats Cruis watches at daylight set single reef & sails strong breezes & overcast saw jampers this day & bent all standing sails & stowed away gear & booms Lat 28-57

Long at 2 By Chro 109-32

Friday 24

All the 24 hours fresh gales from SSE to SE & mostly overcast under single reefs at sunset took in sail for the night at 10 wore ship to SSEW at 6 A.M. wore back set Mast-reef & Miz. T. sails & Double main at 7-30 saw a large sperm whale lowered gat handy he went down & saw him no more Lat 28-39

Long at 9 A.M. By Chro 109-47

By Lunar rate 108-23

Saturday 25

First & Middle parts of these 24 hours fresh gales from the SE & flying Clouds at 8 P.M. Stacked ship to SSW at 6 A.M. set Double reefs at 7 wore to ESE & ends more moderate under single reefs the sea rough fast through strong tide rips Lat 28-26

Long at 8-30 A.M. By Chro at Trastrand rate 109-27

By Lunar rate 108-08

By the Mean of 2 Lunars 108-27

Of O. Holland Cruising for Sperm Whales

Sunday 26th

All these 24 hours fresh gales from SE & flying Clouds at 4 P.M. lowered for sperm whales saw 2 at sunset came aboard could not get near them it being very rough & the whales had no regular course saw a good many large whales from the ship in different directions they were at home apparently moving in different directions at 1 P.M. wore ship to ESE at 7-30 wore again at 10 to the Eastward saw nothing but a Blackfish Lat 28-34

Long at 9 A.M. By Chro 109-41

108-20

107-03

Monday 27

By Lunar

All these 24 hours fresh gales from SE & flying Clouds first part heading to the ESE Middle & later to SSW under double reefs saw nothing Lat 28-44

Long at 9-30 By Chro 109-48

107-04

Tuesday 28

By Lunar

All these 24 hours strong double reef & sail breezes from SE & flying Clouds at 2 P.M. steering WNW saw a whale turn tail in the sun glade near the ship lowered 2 boats but saw him no more headed to the Eastward all night at 7 A.M. saw 2 large sperm whales going to windward part did not lower the sea very rough Lat 28-10

The last 4 days have got 12 Lunars Long by Lunar at 9 A.M. 107-14

& all agree within a few miles & suppose them to give the true Long allowing the Chronometer to lose 27" per day since we left the Trastrand Island brings the Long to agree with Lunars

Wednesday 29

All these 24 hours fresh gales from SE & clear at 4 P.M. saw several large sperm whales but did not get near enough to lower later saw nothing Lat 28-14

Long at 9 A.M. By Last lunar rate 107-14