

Ship Leonidas Cruising

Friday May 22nd 1840.

All these 24 hours lively breezes from SE & flying Clouds carried double reef during the night steering to the SE W by the wind saw nothing Latitude 17-20 Long at 3 PM 107-34

Saturday 23

All these 24 hours strong breezes from SE to East & flying Clouds steering to the South by the wind saw no sperm whales Latitude 28-21 Long at 3 PM 117-37

Sunday 24

All these 24 hours light breezes from East & fine weather but not a Devil or a Sperm Whale to be seen but pintadoes & plenty the Devils own luck this is enough to try a mans Solace out Latitude 28-23 Long at 4 PM 107-39

Monday 25

First part light East winds & pleasant standing to the SE middle Calm & thick fog saw nothing Latitude 28-34 Long at 3 PM 107-50

Tuesday 26

All these 24 hours light breezes from East to NE & fine smooth weather middle & later steered to the Eastward Westward saw nothing Latitude 28-24 Long at 2 PM Chro 106-35 By Lunar at 1 PM 106-34

Wednesday 27

First part light breezes from NE & fine steered to the NE by the wind at 3 tracked to the East at sunset double reef middle light from North at daylight made all sail at 3 lowered for a large Sperm Whale at 9-30 struck at 5-30 took him alongside small airs from North & Calm Latitude 28-15 Long at 2 PM Chro 107-33

Thursday 28th



Commenced with Calm at 3-30 PM took a Whale alongside got dinner & commenced cutting middle light breeze from SE later all hands employed in cutting lively breeze from East & fine

Friday 29

First & middle parts of these 24 hours lively breezes from East & fine weather at Dark finesht cutting & bailing ease later all hands employed in bailing cutting junk & moderate breeze from East & fine saw a sail astern standing to the South & Latitude 27-39

Saturday 30

All these 24 hours light breezes from NE to NNE & fine first & later parts steered to South & West spoke ship Brunswick Manchester 11 months out 700 whale & 200 sperm oil 5 casks from Madagascar Latitude 28-06 Long at 2-30 PM 108-09

Sunday 31

First part light breezes from NNE & fine steered SSW middle light rain later lively sperm SSE & same squally employed in bailing No observation

Monday June 1

First part light breezes from SE to ESE & light rain at intervals standing to the Eastward middle from North at 4 PM finesht bailing later fresh breezes from North all hands employed in stowing down Latitude 28-44



Tuesday 2nd

First part strong breezes from West squally & some rain stowing down at 4 PM saw a shoal of Sperm whales lowered 2 boats & took one whale along side at 5 later cut him in light breeze from fair a high swell from off spoke & tongue Pilot 4 months out