

Remarks On board Ship Leonidas

Wednesday Oct 14th 1840

First part strong breezes from West & some squally at 4 Double reefed fore & m. sail at 6 last reefed middle & fresh gales & squally with light showers later more moderate wind from SW to NW & falling clouds at high swell from SW Course SE Latitude 27° 58'

Thursday 15

Long at 2 P.M. 107° 41'
All these 24 hours strong breezes from South to SE & overcast at sunset took in sail & stood boats crew watches first & later under double reefs steered to the eastward by the wind Latitude 27° 41'

Friday 16

Long at 2 P.M. 109° 00'
All these 24 hours strong breezes from SE to SSE & squally & light showers at 4 P.M. wore ship to SEW

Saturday 17

No Observation
All these 24 hours strong breezes from SE & squally weather saw finbacks steered to SEW by the wind Latitude 28° 58'
Long at 2:30 P.M. 107° 14'

Sunday 18

All these 24 hours lively breezes from SSE to South & fine weather at 3:30 P.M. backed ship to SE & saw nothing at small current setting to SE Latitude Obs 28° 52'
Long at 8 P.M. by Chron 107° 50'
By Lunar 107° 12'

Monday 19

First & middle parts light breezes from South & very fine weather steered to SSE by the wind later saw light airs & calm saw a finback Latitude 29° 09'
Long at 4 P.M. 108° 42'

Tuesday 20th

First part calm middle small breezes from North later lively breeze clear & fine weather steered SE watch employed setting up m. rigging Latitude 29° 38'
Long at 4 P.M. 109° 39'

Cruising of N. Coast N. Holland for sperm whales

Wednesday 21st

First part of these Long 24 hours fresh breezes from North & clear weather steered SE at sunset took in sail & headed to ENE middle & later strong from North & some rain at 10 A.M. wind halled to WNW & cleared steered South saw finback Latitude Obs 30° 47'

Thursday 22

Long at 2:30 P.M. 110° 58'
Commenced with strong breezes from West & fair steered South under double reefs at 5 strong gales from SW & light rain took in sail at 6 wore ship to WNW middle part strong & gales & squally later more moderate at 7 wore to SSE & set double reefs Latitude 31° 05'

Friday 23

Long at 4 P.M. 111°
First part strong breezes from SW squally with light rain steered to SSE by the wind at sunset took in sail wore ship to WNW later moderate breezes from SW & light showers & high swell steered North Latitude 30° 54'

Saturday 24

Long at 4 P.M. Chron 111° 11' 45"
All these 24 hours lively breezes from South & SSE & overcast first part steered North at sunset took in sail headed to WNW at daylight made all sail steered NW at 9 raised at shoal of large whales at 10 lowered struck & killed 6 large whales & saved 3 Latitude about 30° 25'

Sunday 25

Long at about 110° 50'
All these 24 hours fresh breezes from SSE & fair at 5:30 took the last whale along side & got ready for cutting later all hands employed in cutting at 12:30 meridian had 2 whales & one head in Latitude none

