

Ship Leonid on Whaling

Wednesday March 24th 1840

All these 24 hours strong breezes from SSE & squally at 5 P.M. spoke ship Liverpool & Bedford 1100 lbs. M. B. L. Middle & later to SW under Double reefs & rough sea no whales Latitude 28° 30' Long at 3 P.M. 107° 56'

Thursday 25th

All these 24 hours strong winds from SSE to SE and some squally steered to SEW under Double reefs later set Double reefs at 7 P.M. wore ship to ENE at 7:30 saw a whale lowered at 10:30 struck in about half an hour several more came to the boat but we did not see that they was more than one the other boats could not get fast whales but round so quick & being very rough killed & took along side at 1 P.M. & got dinner lat about 29° 00'

Friday 26th No Observ. Long about 107° 20'

First & middle strong breezes from SE to SSE at 2 P.M. commenced cutting at 6 finesht wore ship to SEW at 8 started the works later moderate breezes at 11 P.M. wore ship to East employed in bailing saw grammases Latitude 29° 38' Long at 2 P.M. 106° 51'

Saturday 27th All these 24 hours strong breezes from SSE and fair steered to East by the wind under single reefs at 7 P.M. finesht bailing Ends ranged Latitude 29° 44' Long 3 P.M. 107° 21'

Sunday 28th All these 24 hours strong winds from SE & fair weather steered to East by the wind under Double reefs Latitude 28° 31' Long at 3 P.M. 108° 20' 30"

Monday March 29th 1840

All these 24 hours fresh breezes from SSE to South and onerasts steered to East at 8 A.M. hooked ship to NW no whales Latitude 28° 14' Long at 3 P.M. 108° 29'

Tuesday 30th

First & middle fresh breezes from South and fair steered to SEW by the wind later moderate sent down M. B. L. yard to fit & condemned sail steered to SEW by the wind at 12 merid raised whales to windward Latitude 28° 39' Long at 4 P.M. 107° 14'



Wednesday 31st

First part lively breezes from SSE & fine lowered for whales struck & killed one at 10 took him along side strong breeze & rough later fresh gales & very rough commenced cutting but one side of head parted gives pluck the chain broke & tore up things & gave it up for it had got so ends Latitude 28° 34'

Thursday April 1st

First & middle fresh breezes from SSE beginning with a whale alongside to rough at cut later more moderate all hands employed in cutting

Friday 2nd

All these 24 hours strong breezes from SE first part cutting at 5 finesht wore ship to SEW middle & later bailing Latitude 29° 48'

Saturday 3rd

All these 24 hours strong winds from SE to SSE middle squally with light showers at intervals stood to Eastward under short sail watch employed in bailing Lat 28° 28' Long 107° 00'