

Ship Daniel Wood in Japan Sea 1854. Cruising
Wednesday April 5. P.M.

3 raised whales ahead that looked
very much like Bowheads, at 5 lowered and chased
them 8 miles to windward. the whales gaining away.
wind N.W. by to N.N.E. A.M. fine. Saw Fin Backs.

Lat 37.48 Lon 137.22 per Lunar

Thursday 6

Quarter Watches.

Commences with fine breezes and pleasant weather
from N.W. on the wind to W. The Kopia and P. De la Hye
in sight. Shot a Bomb lance into a Fin Back and heard
it burst. He came up and rolled over, and then disappeared.
Lowered a Boat but saw him no more. Got a Lunar Obs.
4 Tacked ship to N.E. Cape Sot bearing S.S.E. 18 miles dist
and the Ish of Jot Sona W by N 40 miles dist. 4 finks in sight.
A.M. Fine clear weather and light winds from E. Land.

Lat 38.12 Lon 137.12

Friday 7

Commences with light winds and pleasant from
E. by the wind on diff tacks. at sunset raised a right whale.
Finning, lowered and chased till dark. 7^{o'clock} is now following in
our wake. I furled the Mainsail. 9 double reefed the Main
Topsails. furled the jib. wind N.E. A.M. fresh. 6 furled
the Fore Tops. 11. close reefed the Main and furled the Main

Saturday 8

Commences with strong winds from N.E.
bring to under close reefed Main Tops and Foresail.
8 furled the Foresail. Saw a right whale close to
the ship and one on the weather bow. Middle.
moderate set the Foresail. A.M. daylight Made
sail. 8 raised a right whale, lowered for him.
9 came aboard. chasing whales.

Sunday 9.

Fine weather and fine breezes. chasing
whales, that have their ears pinned back and
eyes all over them. sunset came aboard. Took in sail.
2 sails in sight.

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April Sunday 9.

A.M. Light winds and pleasant. chasing
whales, but cannot get near them.

Lat 38.44 Lon 137.00

Monday 10.

Commences with calm. light winds. chasing
at 2 came on board. Saw no more whales sunk to
Leeward. Light wind. by on diff tacks. A.M. light
winds. Saw nothing.

Lat 39.19 Lon 136.19

Tuesday 11.

Commences with light winds and pleasant
weather from N.E. course N.W. at sunset raised
2 right whales. lowered and chased till dark. Took
in the Top Ballant sails. Jib & Mainsail. 9 double
reefed. A.M. fresh from E. at 7 raised 2 whales Finning.
Lowered for them, but they proved to be Sulfur Bottom
so we came aboard again as empty as we went.
made sail. the breezes slackening. Fin Backs-

Lat 39.30 Lon 135.44

Wednesday 12

Commences with light N.E. winds and
pleasant weather. by the wind to N.W. nothing in sight.
A.M. do. do. nothing but sky and water to look at.

Lat 41.05 Lon 136.57

Thursday 13

Commences with fine N.W. winds and fine
clear weather. by the wind to N.N.E. all sail set.
middle calm. A.M. fresh with a heavy swell from N.

Lat 41.36 Lon 137.36

Friday 14

Commences with fresh breezes from N.W. under double
reefs. saw the Land at sunset. bearing N.E. nothing in sight.
A.M. do. do. Saw 2 Fin Backs. Lat 42.35 Lon 136.14
The Whales all appear to be heaving N.W. some of them
are of the largest kind.