

Ship Mary & Susan towards the North west

Coast after whales Gilbert Pondleton Commander

Saturday
January 1st
1848.
Variation 7. E
 These 24 hours commences with strong winds from the S.W. and variable heading S.W. by the wind at 3 P.M. made while topsails at 5 P.M. the main topgallant sails employed no various jobs of ships duty Middle hours light winds and cloudy at 6 P.M. made the fore topgallant sails latter hours strong winds and variable employed securing the anchors and the two the storage by Henry came no duty and the cooper also

Lat Obs 37.22 South Long 51.47 West

Sunday
January 2nd
1848.
Variation 7. E
 These 24 hours commences with strong winds from the S.W. heading S.W. with all requisite sails set by the wind employed heading out water at 4 P.M. saw 2 or 3 large sperm whales near for them left to and found struck the starboard boat struck first starboard 2nd fast to him until he got 3 good lines at him and secured out my line being dark saw him blow twice to the windward and no board and kept off S.W. the wind hauled 6 S.E. at 11 P.M. the main topgallant sails passing clouds and unsteady wind Middle hours pleasant at 5 P.M. saw several large sperm whales again found struck slightly the fore drew latter hours all hands employed chasing sperm whales pleasant weather

Lat Obs 38.33 South Long 52.30 West

Monday
January 3rd
1848.
Variation 8. E
 These 24 hours commences with fine pleasant weather the wind N.W. & plenty of sperm whales in sight all going S.W. lower and struck me the fore drew at 4 P.M. struck again and lost one line came no board and kept off S.W. at the topmast stowing sails strong winds and passing clouds Middle hours having strong dead aft pulled the mainsails at 7 P.M. made the mainsails and fore topgallant sails at 8 P.M. having strong hauled topgallant sails and double reef the topsails latter hours strong gales but a new main topsails and filled the main topsails and job blowing heavy from the North

Lat Obs 41.10 South Long 53.50 West

Tuesday
January 4th
1848.
Variation 9. E
 These 24 hours commences with strong gales from the Northward stowing S.W. at 4 P.M. made the main topsails mainsails and job at 9 P.M. it came in equally with rain in which topsails and job blowing heavy and the appearance of a change of wind Middle hours strong gales and steady rain at 5 P.M. the wind hauled to the S.W. and rain at 9 P.M. we went to the Westward wind inclining Easterly latter hours moderate pleasant weather

Lat Obs 43.34 South Long 55.14 West

Wednesday
January 5th
1848.
Variation 11. E
 These 24 hours commences with strong winds from the Northward heading S.W. by the wind at 3 P.M. more moderate made while topsails and main topgallant sails employed putting a new fore topsails at 4 P.M. sent it the deck in want of repairs saw 1 sail off the lee beam at 6 P.M. light winds Middle hours the wind light and variable at 8 P.M. took the wind from N.E. set stowing sails latter hours pleasant weather employed coopers spence rib down the flubber inn

Lat Obs 44.48 South Long 56.23 West

Thursday
January 6th
1848.
Variation 12. E
 These 24 hours commences with strong winds from the Northward stowing S.W. at 6 P.M. the wind commenced hauling upstays in topgallant stowing sails at 8 P.M. braced up shroups hauled in the topmast stowing sails the wind N.W. and clear pleasant weather the cooper and storage by Henry both well off duty Middle hours clear pleasant weather latter hours the jib hauled off and topmast stowing sails saw 2 sails

Lat Obs 46.55 South Long 58.38 West

Friday
January 7th
1848.
Variation 13. E
 These 24 hours commences with moderate pleasant weather the wind N.W. stowing S.W. saw 1 sail astern employed no various jobs of ships duty at 9 P.M. spoke the Lydia Resolute of Fairhaven 36 months out 2300 lbs 2nd pass 9 light off again Middle hours the wind N.W. and smooth at the main topgallant stowing sails at 6 P.M. the wind increasing in stowing sails and main topgallant sails latter hours strong gales in which fore and main topgallant sails and flying job

Lat Obs 48.55 South Long 61.17 West

Saturday
January 8th
1848.
Variation 15. E
 These 24 hours commences with strong gales from the N.W. and mostly clear stowing S.W. at 6 P.M. the wind abating made topgallant sails and flying job at 8 P.M. little or no wind at all mostly cloudy at 9 P.M. light air kept off S.W. Middle hours light air from the westward latter hours the wind light from the eastward and variable with steady light rain

Lat Obs 50.06 South Long 62.10 West