

Ship Mary & Susan towards the North West coast after whales Gilbert Penetator Commander

Monday
May 8th
1848.

Variation 2. E

These 24 hours commenced with light air and variable and mostly clear at 2 P.M. took the wind from the S.W. 11 P.M. made Alaska and Staten Island bearing N. by W 50 miles distant very high land and well covered with snow at 7 P.M. Cape Richard and N.W. by S 30 miles distant fresh winds and mostly clear during fore part of night at 8 P.M. found the wind dropping off light of shore Middle hours moderate at 9 P.M. left off for the passage latter hours pleasant weather running through the channel saw several thumpbacks

Lat 44.41 North Long 146.34 East

Tuesday

May 9th
1848.

Variation 2. E

These 24 hours commenced with pleasant weather the wind from S.W. South during fore part of night at 11 P.M. the islands were found S.W. by W at 5 P.M. better the B.W. area came light off N.W. smooth but mostly cloudy Middle hours strong gale blew up the main topsails at daylight made sail and left off N.W. made all sails latter hours moderate winds and fine pleasant weather

Lat 45.55 North Long 145.07 East

Wednesday

May 10th
1848.

Variation 2. E

These 24 hours commenced with moderate pleasant weather the wind from North to S.W. at 1 P.M. saw a long chain of ice bearing from N.W. to N.E. at 2 P.M. left off from N.W. to S.W. saw plenty of finbacks and Sulphur Bottoms at 4 P.M. passed 7 P.M. took in light bearing from S.W. to S.E. by S light winds and fine pleasant weather or wind perfectly smooth Middle hours light winds at daylight made sail and stood to the N.W. latter hours light air and about the forecast and land and sea in the place of it

Lat 46.33 North Long 146.34 East

Thursday

May 11th
1848.

Variation 2. E

These 24 hours commenced with light air from the west and making S.W. about the fore and main topsails and land and sea in the place of them at 5 P.M. saw 1 right whale land all boats in pursuit and the whale settled came no longer took in sail at 8 P.M. light air from the S.W. making S.W. Middle hours light air and pleasant latter hours the wind hauling to the S.W. and increasing at 10 P.M. spoke the B.W. at 11 P.M. saw 1 right whale going quickly ahead and heard and anchored up the topsails and left off N.W.

Lat 47.03 North Long 147.54 East

Friday

May 12th
1848.

Variation 2. E

These 24 hours commenced with strong wind from S.W. during fore part of night at 4 P.M. made a long chain of ice and a long B.W. the way Southward and to the Southward spoke the B.W. at 7 P.M. passed the mainsails carried double up topsails moderate and clear smooth Middle hours fresh winds and thick fog at 9 P.M. wind in thick snow at 7 P.M. took to the S.W. and left off shore since felt 6 or 7 inches deep latter hours spoke the B.W. again at 11 P.M. left off S.W. and made whole fore and main topsails and left

Lat 46.43 North Long 149.35 East

Saturday

May 13th
1848.

Variation 2. E

These 24 hours commenced with fresh winds from N.W. during fore part of night at 2 P.M. hauled up S.W. saw a long range of fields ice saw 1 right whale going quickly to the S.W. at 3 P.M. came in squally and fog with a light sprinkling of snow and rain at 4 P.M. the boat came along side close up the main topsails and along the fore and main and pulled them and the foremast and made all secure for the night blowing heavy and rough during Middle hours strong gale and much the wind change to N.W. latter hours strong gale and mostly clear

Lat 47.07 North Long 150.31 East

Sunday

May 14th
1848.

Variation 2. E

These 24 hours commenced with strong gale from N.W. heading S.W. at 3 P.M. set the main shrouse at 6 P.M. the foresails and saw 1 right whale blowing heavy could not lower made all secure for the night the gale abating and a light sprinkling of fog the B.W. off the weather land Middle hours strong gale and much at daylight made sail and stood to the N.W. at 8 P.M. saw 1 right whale going quickly to the N.W. making strong and rough did not lower latter hours strong winds and heard the sea having to the S.W. the Boy Henry sick off duty

Lat 47.28 North Long 151.22 East

Monday

May 15th
1848.

Variation 2. E

These 24 hours commenced with fresh winds and abating heading to the Southward at 3 P.M. made all sails at 6 P.M. made Mainland Island bearing E by N 40 miles distant and the next Southward Island at 10 miles distant took in sail and rig at the mercy of the waves entirely calm Middle hours light winds at daylight made sail left off N.W. by W latter hours saw 1 whale from the east would not strike the canvas and heard left off N.W. by S

Lat 48.07 North Long 150.33 East