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Wednesday
July 19th 1848.
Variation 3. E
These 24 hours commences with strong winds from the S.W. bearing S.E. employed steering S.W. in the evening at 5 P.M. the thick fog and steady rain and blowing strong made all secure for the night. At 10 P.M. the watch Middle hours light winds and mostly clear at 3 P.M. the land on the east side of the Gulf 45 miles distant bearing S.E. at 10 P.M. the wind from S.W. light of S.W. by compass smooth and light rain

Lat by Det 56.50 North Long 153.31 East

Thursday
July 20th 1848.
Variation 4. E
Begins with strong winds from the N.E. and inclining to the eastward steering S.W. by compass thick clouds and light rain at 8 P.M. the thick fog and steady rain through out the afternoon thick cloudy saw the land at 8 P.M. bearing S.E. Middle hours strong gales heavy rain the wind hauls to S.W. latter hours the rain abated came in thick fog blowing heavy and rough heading to the N.W. by compass and the watch Middle duty S.E. & Long

Lat Obs 57.41 North Long 154.40 East

Friday
July 21st 1848.
Variation 4. E
These 24 hours commences with strong gales from the S.W. and fog heading S.W. at 2 P.M. call all hands aft and flag 2 main for fighting jacks forward and the cockpit jacks necessary for fighting the boat 12 stripes 6 for fighting and 6 for abysine language towards the main forward were ship to the S.E. thick fog and blowing heavy & rough made all secure for the night Middle hours strong gales at 4 P.M. made double reef topsails at 8 P.M. to the westward latter hours more moderate made whole topsails the wind variable

Lat Obs 57.20 North Long 153.13 East

Saturday
July 22nd 1848.
Variation 4. E
These 24 hours commences with light winds from the S.E. variable heading to the westward at 2 P.M. the land for a night whale came in thick fog headed up at 4 P.M. the watch to the S.W. the wind changed at 8 P.M. the top in sail heading S.E. Middle hours light winds and showers of light rain at 4 P.M. made six and stood to the S.W. latter hours light winds and variable thick fog & smooth

Lat Obs 57.13 North Long 154.15 East

Sunday
July 23rd 1848.
Variation 4. E
These 24 hours commences with light winds from the Southward heading S.W. with all requisite sails set by the wind at 4 P.M. the wind drop off entirely calm thick cloudy at 8 P.M. took in sail and set the watch Middle hours light winds and thick cloudy at 3 P.M. the the pressure of New Bedford weeks master 25 months and 11 whales this season at 4 P.M. made sail and kept off S.W. latter hours fresh winds from the Northward saw 6 ships doing nothing thick cloudy and squalls of fog saw 1 whale going quiet

Lat Obs 56.43 North Long 153.01 East

Monday
July 24th 1848.
Variation 3. E
These 24 hours commences with fresh winds from the Northward steering S.W. thick cloudy at 5 P.M. the wind hauls out from the westward saw 8 courses fresh and at 8 P.M. took in sail heading to the Southward the wind light and fine pleasant weather Middle hours light winds and pleasant at 4 P.M. made sail and stood to the S.E. at 6 P.M. hauled to the S.W. the wind variable and increasing at 10 P.M. hauled for topgallant sails latter hours blowing strong to the main topgallant sail further came on duty Lat Obs 55.52 North Long 153.01 East

Tuesday
July 25th 1848.
Variation 3. E
These 24 hours commences with strong gales from South heading to the westward at 1 P.M. hauled the mainsails and top at 2 P.M. it came in thick fog double reef the topsails and set the quarter watch at 5 P.M. the fog cleared off and the wind abating at 10 and to the S.E. Middle hours light winds and fog at 4 P.M. made sail and stood S.E. latter hours strong winds and thick and smelly the wind variable

Lat Obs 55.31 North Long 152.49 East

Wednesday
July 26th 1848.
Variation 3. E
These 24 hours commences with strong gales from the S.W. and thick and smelly at 1 P.M. hauled to the S.W. at 4 P.M. hauled the main topgallant sail saw 3 ships doing nothing at 7 P.M. took in sail heading S.W. strong gales and rough Middle hours light winds and squalls of rain attended with thunder and lightning latter hours fog at intervals saw 7 ships 2 of them being the black with came on duty

Lat Obs 56.00 North Long 151.55 East