

1858 Cruising for Sperm Whales

Monday Jan 18th most part moderate breezes from E to N.E. with fine weather, stood S.S.W. at 11 A.M. saw a small school of sperm whales. at noon lowered the boats, did not strike. Whales saw the boats went fast to the North, went S. sail & S. S. S. S. and sent old ones, Lat 12. 31 S. Long by Alt 140. 40 W

Tuesday 19th most part moderate breezes from the N.E. clear and fine weather, stood to the S. shortened sail at night, employed Repairing Detail Lat 12. 58 S. Long by Alt 136. 08 S. Long 145. 39 W

Wednesday 20th most part fine breezes from N.E. to E. and fair weather, middle part stood S.S.W. started 6 barrels water in tank, went M. D. sail to Repair open back Bred. Lat 13. 22 S. Long by Alt 130 51 W. Lunar 145 50 W.

Thursday 21st most part fine breezes from the Eastward and fair, stood by the wind shortened sail at night, went ship to the N. employed Repairing M. D. topsail A.M. saw a ship steering N. Lat 14. 07 S. Long 147. 07 W

Friday 22nd most part smart breezes from the N.E. cloudy and squally middle part stood N.S.W. at 4 P.M. saw Jean's plane bearing S.W. dist 12 miles spoke ship distant last from Hualeiru had taken a small whale, Lat 14. 25 S. Long 147. 42 W.

Saturday 23rd most part wind at E.N.E. cloudy and squally, stood by the wind on different tacks. A.M. Jean's plane in sight from S.S.E. to S.W. overhauled our potatoes and them all eaten through by worms, Lat 14. 42 S. Long 147. 51 W

Sunday 24th all these 24 hours fine breezes from E.N.E. to E. and fair weather stood by the wind on different tacks, Lat 13. 48 S. Long 147. 23 W

Monday 25th most part smart breezes from E.N.E. some squally, stood by the wind on different tacks. A.M. saw breaches to leeward Lat 14. 22 S. Long 147. 44 W

Tuesday 26th all these 24 hours fine breezes at E.N.E. to E. some squally stood by the wind to the N. employed variously, Lat 12. 58 S. Long by Alt 147. 30 W

Wednesday 27th most part fine breezes from the Eastward and fair weather, stood by the wind, employed Repairing topsail, splicing Jarvis &c. Lat 13. 45 S. Long 147. 5 W

Thursday 28th most part moderate breezes from the Eastward some showers, stood by the wind on different tacks, employed variously, Lat 13. 40 S. Long 148. 40 W

Friday 29th most part fine breezes from the Eastward with some rain, stood by the wind on different tacks, employed variously, Lat 13. 05 S. Long 148. 30 W

Saturday 30th most part strong breezes cloudy and some squally stood by the wind on different tacks split the M. topsail in a squall, Lat 12 54 S. Long 148 40 W

Sunday 31st all these 24 hours cloudy and raining with wind from N.E. to E. some hard squalls made fat by alt Lat 13. 20 S. Long 148. 50 W

Monday 1st Feb most part moderate breezes from Eastward and fair weather, stood by the wind to the S. A.M. sent new M. D. sail Lat 13. 52 S. Long 148. 59 W

Tuesday 2nd most part fine breezes from E to N.E. some showers stood to S.W. Lat 14. 35 S. Long 147 23 W