

Barke *Pratita* Sears

Friday Dec 27th

Commenced with light gale from North with hazy weather. At 10.00 Am. the canoe hauled to the west were ship's ship to the North latter part. Moderate breeze with hazy weather ship steering N. by E. Lat. 62° 58' N. Long 165° 33' W.

Saturday Dec 28th

Commenced with moderate breeze from west with pleasant weather ship steering N. N. E. At 11. P. M. raised sperm whales 3. Miles off the weather beam lowered for them but with out success At 1.00 Solander bore N. E. 15 miles out latter part strong breeze from north with hazy weather and rugged ship on different tack laid a sail

Sunday Dec 29th

Commenced with strong wind from north with hazy weather and rugged ship on different tack. At 11.00 Am. raised sperm whales lowered in chase at 1.00 Solander bore N. E. 30 miles out

Cruising off Solander 1872

Monday Dec 30th

Commenced with a moderate breeze from the north with hazy weather. At 1.00 P. M. the boat struck the waist boat got stove in working on the whale and lost it by the whale taken to sounding and running and acting bad at 2. P. M. took the whale to the ship. At 3.00 P. M. commenced cutting latter part. Moderate gale and rugged at meridian got the head off and finished cutting the body at 4.00. Brought a fresh gale from North with heavy swell and hazy weather ship laboring hard cutting at 1.00. At 2.00 P. M. we were this to west weather so rugged at Lat 62° 15' N. have the head in let lay alongside

Tuesday Dec 31st

Commenced with a fresh gale from North with hazy weather ship hove to heading to the west with the whale head laying alongside at 2. P. M. the head chain parted and lost the head had on the head the big anchor chain to hold with but it parted. At 3.00 P. M. weather the same latter part calm with heavy swell started the work and before the boiler saw the snake bearing Lat 62° 11' N. S. E.