

This Day We Cross the Line

Friday April 26th

Light wind from S.S.E on fine weather, Last Night stood to the Eastward, This Morning we tacked and stood to the S.W., Saw no Sperm whale through the Day, Saw a gam of Small Black fish going to the S.E., All hands through this Day employ'd in clearing away the heads of the whales and cutting up blubber, Started the works,

Lat by obs 1 mile South
Long West by obs 99, 3/4

Saturday April 27th

Light air from S.E. and fine weather, All sail set, heading to the S.S.W. & S.W., Some foggy through the Day, Watches employ'd in bailing,

Lat South about 30 mile

Sunday April 28th

Calm and foggy squalls, heading to the S.S.W., Considerable swell on, Finished bailing our whales, Turned up about 40 lbs of Sperm oil on deck

Lat by obs 1, 15 South

Monday April 29th

Light air from S.S.E on calm and on a swell on, heading S.W., A strong current setting to the West, Employ'd on the rigging, Saw a gam of Killers

Lat by obs 1, 30 South

Tuesday April 30th

Light wind from S.S.E on cloudy weather, heading S.W., Saw nothing but fish, Watches employ'd on the rigging

Lat by obs 2, 5 South

Wednesday May 1st 1861

Light wind from S.S.E on fine weather, heading S.W., A strong current and a Shepkin swell on, Saw a Quimper breaching, Saw 2 Finbacks going S.W., One ship in sight to the West, heading to the S.W. by the wind, got our Potatoes on deck, found 1/4 of them rotten, Watches employ'd on the rigging

Lat by obs 2, 55

Thursday May 2nd

Light wind from S.E. on fine weather, heading S.W., Watches employ'd on the rigging, Plenty of fish around the ship, At 6 P.M. spoke an English barque and I went on board of her, she is 40 days from Acapulco bound to Peckham Warner

Lat by obs 4, 3 South Long by Ch 1163, 1

Friday May 3rd

Light air from S.E. on fine weather, heading S.W. by S. and making a S.W. by West course, Capt Cooper of the English barque came on board and spent the Day, Strong current setting to S.W.

Lat by obs 4, 30 Long by Ch 103, 51