

Cruising on the N. W. Coast.

Thursday May 28th 1846

Began with a heavy gale from the S. E. ship lying to. at 3 P.M. more moderate set the top-sails double-reefed. Middle part squally. Lat part a heavy gale from the ship lying to one ship in sight a. Stern.

Friday May 29th

Began as above ship lying to. Middle part more moderate Lat part ship with all sail set nothing in sight. Lat 54° 00' N Long 145° 50' W.

Saturday May 30th

Came with moderate wind. at 2:30 P.M. saw a right whale lanced the boat without success. Came on board hoisted the boat in sea began to take in sail. at 4 P.M. closed reefed the main top-sail the wind blowing a gale from the E. N. E. Middle part the same. Lat part a heavy gale from the S. E. W.

Sunday May 31st

Began with a heavy gale from the S. E. W. at 1 P.M. veered ship. Middle part moderate winds. Latter part light wind lowered the boat for whales S. Ends

Monday June 1st 1846

Began with strong wind from the Eastward. The boat off in pursuit of the above mentioned whale at 1 P.M. came on board without success. at 5 P.M. furled the fore + mizzen top-sails. a great number of whales around the ship. cannot lower the boat it being too rough. Middle part strong wind Latter part more moderate saw several whales going quick to the windward.

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Tuesday June 2nd 1846

Began moderate wind and fog. at 5 P.M. the fog lighted up saw a whale. lowered the boat and soon struck him. Cook him to the ship and commenced cutting. at 10 P.M. furled the fore and mizzen top-sails. Middle part light wind from the S. Lat part at daylight commenced cutting again. Lowered our boat and chased a whale. So Ends. a whale in sight off the lee beam



Wednesday June 3rd

Began by lowering the boat. at 1 P.M. struck the whale. the second boat got stove in striking and cut his line and started for the ship. during that time there is a great stir at the ship. The Starboard boat got turned over whilst showing off from the ship. the boat steered along to the tace and the rest of the crew went a-stern on the bottom of the boat. We leaved away the boat on the starboard bow as quick as possible, and the Cook and two other went to take the men from there perilous situation. on getting to the boat we found that two of the men were about going up. and had they been there a few minutes longer they would ~~not~~ all perished. during this time the whale that was struck off the lee beam is now to the windward. about 4 P.M. another boat got fast and he started to the windward. kicking and making all smooth around him. at 6 thick and rainy. the boat returning to the ship having cut the lines. Middle part heavy squalls of wind and rain. Employed in boiling. Lat part moderate wind from the South one ship in sight to the windward. So Ends this unfortunate days work after losing about 300 fathoms of line. 6 Iron boat stove. boat lashed and getting a boat stove. and no whale to pay us for all our trouble.