

Jan 1846

Tuesday the 1st

This day light breeze winds
made sail employe in
rigging a pair of relieving
tacks nothing in sight then 24 h

Wednesday the 2nd

This day strong breeze
with a heavy head beat
sea surface double reefed
topsails saw some flying but
Whales few & sail in sight
purposes in sight under the
bees 10 miles then 24 hours

Thursday the 3rd

This day strong gale laying to
under close reefed main topsail
reefed foresail and fore topmast
stay sail & sail in sight which
proved by her collars to be ^{middle} Bay
English merchant Barge ^{middle} part
saw a sperm Whale breach & lines
on our weather beam but we saw
him no more Last part the weather
moderated down some and we
made sail again fore and main
topsails and reefed 20 miles then 24 h

Friday the 4th

This day fresh breeze with a heavy
swell we saw some spouting fish
which sailors call fin backs I
gave an unt the fore topsail and
sent it down and mended it and
sent it up again and lost it
so it goes with us

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Saturday the 5th

This day light breeze sent
down the main topsail and sent
a new one and sent the old one up
perman nothing of in sight worth
mentioning we are looking sharp
for Whales about these times 24 hours

Sunday the 6th

Light winds from the S & E steering
S W by W with the sails out bound
for the Cape success to the S W
saw 3 fin backs so early this 24 hours

89° 45'
66° 54'
20° 17'
21° 45'
72° 02' lat South

Monday the 7th

This day fresh breeze from the S & E
steering S W by W saw some white
water which proved to be Porpoises
& sail in sight & sent the ship
William H. Stearns - Benjamin ^{Paistaden}
Boyd 37 months out 100 lbs
sperm oil she is doing now

Tuesday the 8th

S & E wind steering S W by W
thick foggy saw fin back sent
down the main reefed mast
employe in every morning

Wednesday the 9th

S W wind steering by the wind
thick foggy for the most part of
the day nothing in sight worth
notice then 24 and 20 hours