

Remarks on Board Ship Commerce

Tuesday Jan 3 1837

First part light breeze and fine weather at 1 P.M. went on and commenced cutting at 6 A.M. got through and started the works at 6 P.M. spoke the ship. Second part of the day nothing the same. Mid S latter light breeze from the N.E. and fine weather at 7 A.M. Toward for two whales started did not get fast at 9 A.M. Toward for two whales stuck and got one at 12 P.M. took him to the ship. 2 subs 2 ship in site. Saw several whales.

Wednesday 4

First part gentle breeze from N.W. and fine weather at 1 P.M. commenced cutting at 5 P.M. got through cutting. Saw several whales took in oil employed in boiling. Mid S latter gentle breeze and fine weather at 7 P.M. Toward struck and killed a whale at 10 A.M. took him to the ship. 2 subs

Thursday 5

First part gentle breeze from the Westward and fine weather at 1 P.M. commenced cutting at 5 P.M. got through employed in boiling. Mid S latter strong breeze and rugged at 8 A.M. Toward and killed a whale at 10 A.M. took him to the ship and wore around and commenced cutting. 2 subs

Lat 48. 26
Long 159. 38

Friday 6

First part fresh gale and rugged at 3 P.M. got through cutting. Lost the head. Mid S latter fresh gale and quite the employed in boiling and stowing down. 2 subs spoke ship. Mogue of New London. 1 whale.

Betsy

of Fishery, Marthas Vineyard, Mass.

Saturday 10 1837

First part fresh gale from West and clear weather employed in boiling and stowing down. Mid S latter strong breeze from N.W. saw and chased a whale employed in boiling and stowing. 2 subs

Lat 48. 05

Sunday 11

First part strong gale from N.W. and clear at 3 P.M. got through boiling at 4 P.M. shot of the hare took. Mid S latter part fresh gale from N.W. and clear. 2 subs

Lat 47. 49

Long 159. 10

Monday 12

First part fresh gale from N.W. and quite clear took in the hare sail. Mid S latter heavy gale and some squally. Ship on different parts. 2 subs

Lat 48. 02

Long 158. 01 West

Tuesday 13

First part strong gale from N.W. and rugged ship under cloast. reft. main top sail heading to the Westward. Mid S latter part moderate employed in stowing down. 2 subs finished the after part. 2 subs

Lat 48. 09

Wednesday 14

First part gentle breeze from the N.W. and cloudy at 3 P.M. got through stowing roll between decks. Saw a ship. Steering to the Eastward took in sail. Saw rainy. Mid S latter strong gale from N.W. and squally with a heavy sea on. Took in the hare sail. Cloast reft. the main top sail heading S.W. 2 subs

Lat 47. 11

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