

1855 Ship Petrel Bering's Sea
Tuesday 15th

15th Fine wind W to W by S heading to the W all sail set at 4 whales lowered boats & chased Middle part fine lying on short tracks among whales at daylight made sail to the W saw nothing at 8 saw a whale did not lower saw several whales at a distance

Wednesday 16th

16th Fine wind W to W heading to the W at 2 lowered got within 2 Boats Dropped 3 lines for No. 10, Middle part fine at daylight took to the W at 8 a whale lowered & chased No. 10

Thursday 17th

17th Fine wind W to W by S heading to the W all sail set saw nothing saw men from Boats, jib halibut to at track to the S all sail set calm Middle part calm wind E low W all sail set latter part the same

Friday 18th

18th Fine wind E con. W by S all sail set fishing Sounded in 30 fathoms

24th Got a whale 118 lbs blubber

Sunday 11th Oct 1855 Lat 44.56

11th Fine wind W by S con S by E all sail set Bound to the S Islands saw Blk oil

Greatness

"Some men are born great, some achieve greatness, and some have greatness thrust upon them."

1855 On Board Ship Petrel Bound Home
X Thursday 16th 1855

19th Came on board at 4 p.m. & made sail bound home by the blessing of God & have survived so far wind S heading E S E at 5 tacked to the S S by E point of Cape bearing to Middle part strong gale heading S down Deeped latter part heading S by E

Friday 20th Lat 40.22

20th Strong gale from the S E heading S by E at 2 were to the S at 4 at 9 were to the S S by strong gale & squall, Middle part the same latter do

Saturday

Sunday 21st

21st Strong gale from S E heading S double Deeped top sails, Middle part more Modt latter part fine all sail set

Monday 22nd

22nd Modt wind S E heading S S all sail set Middle part do, latter Modt at 8 lowered for Grampuses called them sperm whales at 10 hoisted up Head to the S all sail

Tuesday 23rd Lat 35.15

23rd Modt wind S E varying & squally at 10 heading S E, Middle part fine, latter do, took in S Boat, repairing, drawing & something repairs

Wednesday 24th Lat 33.55

24th Modt wind E heading S S E light air & calm at 2 rising wind W con S E by E all sail at 4 double Deeped top sails, saw 10 whale pods, Middle part fine & squalls at 2 took in fore & Mizen top sail, split Mizen top sail at light made all sail, latter part Modt repairing Mizen top sail Lat 32.50

at 9 a.m. 15.01 Thursday 25th Lat 33.40

25th Modt wind E to E S E all sail set, repairing, Mizen top sails Middle part fine latter do repairing Mizen top sail Lat 30.39