

Whip Balana cruising for Whales
1845 Saturday June 2nd

Fresh trades with passing clouds. All useful sail set. In the morning took out in the main waterway to Storo salt water for balash. At 7 P. saw a shoal of 4 or 5 Whales (the first we have seen in 1845) 8 1/2 leagues. Naish boat struck & lost her line. Starboard boat got up to a Whale, the boatsteerer missed, with a first rate chance so under 1st officer slowly recovering.

Sunday June 3rd
Fresh trades with fine weather. At 2 P.M. got on board with out a Whale. We tried again whale going quick, & were wild but did not succeed in catching them. At dark the boats got on board. Latter saw nothing. M^r recovering slowly.

Monday June 4th
Moderate trades with fair weather. (Topping all sail Eastward. Latter just saw Finbacks. Employed variously.

Tuesday June 5th
Moderate trades with passing clouds. All sail set. cruising. Topped twice. Latter just saw Finbacks. Employed variously. M^r Moran about as yesterday.

Wednesday June 6th
Light trades with fair sky. All sail set. Saw nothing of importance. M^r Moran sick. Employed at various jobs.

Thursday June 7th
Moderate winds with fair sky. Course to the north Westward. Latter just saw Blk fish & some floating squid. M^r Moran again on duty.

Friday June 8th
Sea breeze with passing clouds. Course by the wind. Latter just saw Finbacks & Blk fish. Employed variously.

Saturday June 9th
Fresh trades with passing clouds. All useful sail set. Saw Blk fish & took one. Latter saw sulphur bottoms. Saw a sail steering Eastward. M^r Moran recovering fast.

Whip Balana cruising off Woods Island
Monday June 10th

Fresh trades with dark weather during most of the day. At 4 P.M. saw a shoal of 4 or 5 Whales apparently galled. Very irregular, the women threw boats but did not succeed in getting up to them. They going quick & by 6 P.M. Latter saw sulphur bottoms, a strong W. wind.

Tuesday June 11th
Strong trades with passing clouds & rain during the latter part. Course Eastward. Saw nothing of importance.

Wednesday June 12th
Moderate trades with fair weather. Working a zigzag course Westward. Topped for Blk fish but got none. M^r Moran M^r Finck sick, M^r recovering fast.

Thursday June 13th
Strong trades with rough sea. At 2 P.M. saw a shoal of 4 or 5 Whales. Naish boat struck & saw her. Whale. Hove to. Boat was knocked all to pieces by a too whale. Starboard boat, picked up her crew & all the cargo & craft that could be found. The boat being several miles to leeward of the ship & in small pieces she was abandoned as worthless. At dark got the whale to the ship & took up the boats. Latter cutting 9/4 finches.

Friday June 14th
Fresh trades with fine weather. Latter just, boiling. saw Finbacks. M^r Moran sick.

Saturday June 15th
Fresh trades with rough sea & some small rain. Employed boiling. Course by the wind Eastward. Saw Finbacks.

Sunday June 16th
New fresh & misty, with cloudy weather. Latter employed coopers Oil for storing. Saw nothing of consequence (except N.W. 1 fish).

Monday June 17th
Strong & misty trades with dark weather. At 4 P.M. looked to the Eastward. Saw Finbacks. M^r recovering slowly. The sick man forward again on duty.