

Ship Balaena cruising for Whales

1855 Wednesday Aug 8th

Fresh trades North passing clouds. Latter part course Castward. Saw nothing. Employed variously. One Kanaka sick.

Lat. 2.32 S

Long 82.42 W

Thursday Aug 9th

Strong trades with fair sky. Course Castward. Latter part reefed the S. M. Sails. Saw nothing of importance

Lat. 3.24 S

Long 81.36 W

Friday Aug 10th

Strong trades the ship standing to the Eastward at Sunset tacked off shore Middle part fresh Breeze reefed the S. Sails at daylight turned out the reef One Kanaka sick

No observation

Saturday Aug 11th

Strong trades the ship standing to the Westward at Sunset tacked to the S. E. Latter part moderate Employed setting up Shaks. Saw porpoises one man sick.

Lat by obs 3.17 S

Long by Chron 82.00 W

Sunday Aug 12th

These twenty four hours strong trades the ship standing to the Eastward at Sunset reefed top and Middle part tacked to the S. W. Saw Finbacks Employed setting up Shaks Lat 3.40 S Long 82.40 W

Monday Aug 13th

Fresh trades the ship standing to the S. W. Middle part Moderate latter part saw Blackfish lowered three Boats Without success. Employed setting up Casks for Water. one man sick

Lat 4.00 S

Long 84.00 W

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Tuesday Aug 14th

This day comes in with strong Breezes the ship standing to the Westward Middle part Moderate tacked to the Eastward saw Blackfish Employed setting up the fore topmast stays one man sick

Lat by obs 3.59 S Long by Chron 84.3 W

Wednesday 15th

Strong Trade Winds the ship on the Eastern tack Middle & latter part rain Squalls saw a School of Blackfish Robert & chased them without success latter part standing to the Westward

Lat 3.41 S Long by Chron 84.23 W

Thursday Aug 16th

Comes in with Moderate trades the ship standing to the Westward Middle part Westward to the Eastward saw Blackfish one man sick

Lat by obs 3.50 S Long 83.40

Friday Aug 17th

Comes in with Moderate trades and Cloudy weather the ship standing to the Eastward saw Finbacks latter part steering N. E. B. E. the sick Kanaka is better worse this day

Lat by obs 3.43 S

Long 82.43 W

Saturday Aug 18th

This day comes in with fine weather and Moderate trades the ship standing to the N. E. Middle and latter part Moderate at daylight Wore ship and steered N. N. W. at 8 A. M. saw a large sperm Whale going to the Northward lowered three Boats at 11 A. M. Wait Boat fast at noon the Whale turned up and took him to the ship

Lat by obs 3.35 S Long 84.50 W

Sunday Aug 19th

Comes in with fine weather & light trades all hands Employed cutting at sunset. Made all fast for the night at daylight commenced butting got the Head off & Body in at noon

Lat by obs 3.10 S