

Journal on board ship January 1843
 On New Zealand
 Sunday commences great weather from 11 AM
 at 12 PM 3 PM and 4 PM large sperm whales
 the boat catches first thick one after and
 captures the boat but the line 2 boats chase
 the whale until it could not get on to him
 again so came on board exhausted and latter
 boat strong gale employed at mending the boat
 at 4 1/2 PM 38

Dec 24th Monday commences fair gale from the southwest
 steering east at sun down light breeze sail
 heading to the northward, middle boat more
 moderate latter boat fast gale took in the
 fore and main topmasts double reefed the main
 and fore to save a large sheet of sail as we
 had a meeting on board. Lat
 Long 175. 51
 Lat 45. 38

Dec 26th Tuesday commences fair gale heading N. by N. middle
 boat moderate latter boat fast gale at 8 PM
 lowered about 100 fathoms. first got one at 11 PM
 saw sperm whale lowered the boat was
 chased nothing particular. came on board
 this long thick weather. Lat
 Long 175. 35

Dec 27th Wednesday commences fresh gale heading to
 west making sail accordingly all the first part
 at 1 PM saw a sail on our weather quarter
 at 5 PM saw a sort of sperm whale on the
 weather beam blowing a gale made fast
 strong gale ends the same under close
 reefed mains top sail. Lat 44. 58
 Long 174. 25

Dec 28th Thursday commences strong gale laying the under
 close reefed mains top sail had a meeting
 on board at 4 PM made sail at 11 PM lowered
 fore topmasts what saw them no more came
 on board until 1 PM weather. Lat 45. 07
 Long 174. 34

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 Friday commences strong breeze at 1 PM
 sperm whales lowered the boat struck
 two whales killed and waste boats
 got store down one whale at 5 PM
 along side cut from the other left him
 spouting blood during a gale but no sail
 at 3 PM commences cutting at forelock finished
 cutting embayed at clearing away the head
 Lat 44. 57
 Long 174. 25

Dec 30th Saturday commences strong breeze and lugger
 employed at mending the main boat at night
 clear breeze the main topmast latter boat
 heavy gale laying to wind. Lat 44. 45

Dec 31st Sunday commences with a gale from the N. by W.
 at 1 PM had a meeting at 4 PM moderate
 set double reefed foremast slighter the rest commences
 sailing latter boat commences to start at 4 PM
 set down ends with a gale. Lat 44. 35
 Long 174. 32

Jan 1st Monday commences blowing at 4 PM had a meeting
 middle boat the same latter boat moderate
 at 1 PM commences blowing ends great weather
 Lat 44. 25
 Long 174. 28

Jan 2nd Tuesday commences fresh breeze blowing and
 steering down oil at night correct down the under
 and top in sail blowing fast at daylight commences
 to start at 1 PM breeze sperm whales lowered
 the boat struck but still commences blowing
 a gale had to cut away gale of wind. Lat 43. 44
 Long