

17 days

Thursday December 30th 1852

The weather continues favourable the wind a blowing strong from the E. by N. Steering S.E. by S. A merchant ship passed about 2 miles to the leeward of us with main royed set steering to the N.W. Saw flying fish 9 o'clock
Capt. N. Long

18th

Friday December 31st

First part a fresh breeze from the E. a fine weather middle part a squall struck us we closed down and doubled reefed the topsail in doing it one man got thrown from the yard. He was engaged in halling up the sail by her reef points when the sail fetched a flat throwing him up above the yard and in falling he fortunately caught the foot rope and thus saved himself a watery grave. Ends with squall and rain. Saw 2 sail steering to the leeward. Last Wednesday we discharged our cook he not being competent to fill that responsible capacity, put him before the mast as a common sailor and put in Wm. Patterson. Go ends

19th

Saturday December Jan. 1st 1853

We have again commenced a new year. Our spirits bright high with hope. If we live to see the end of this year we shall probably be able to tell something about the prospect of filling in another season. We live in hope and we can hardly wait the result of the first season. Saw a sail and flying fish

shore boats
Crews

20th

Sunday January 2nd

The wind continues about E. with a few light squalls of rain. Steering S.E. by E. This is the first Sabbath of the year. I feel as if it has not been given to us in vain. The mariner should certainly have one day in a week to call his own. One in which he can read and be undisturbed by ship duty. It has been a day of unusual interest to me as I have had a chance of writing to my wife. It has brought sweet reflections of the prospect before me and has given me a new impulse a new determination to do my whole duty to my family and to my God

at midnight in the afternoon

21st

Monday January 3rd

This is what may be called equally disagreeable wet weather not cold but when it does not rain the spray comes in just enough to keep every thing wet. We have got as much wind as we can carry whole topsails to but we shall soon get out of the S.E. trade winds then we shall expect better weather. The wind about E. Steering S.E. by E. Saw 2 sail and a plenty of flying fish. Go ends

22nd

Tuesday January 4th

First and middle parts squalls and rain. Put a reef in each topsail. Latter part pleasant. Get main topsails sail over reefed topsails. All hands busy in getting things ready for whaling. Carpenter making scrubbooms and fitting gaffs and pikes. The cooper making boat and deck buckets lantern kegs and boat legs and covering the blacksmiths bellows and the foremast smothering scrubbooms and onion baskets &c. &c. The captain determined to have all things in readiness so as to have nothing to do on Monday and but to take care of the oil. Go ends

3 men
sick

23rd day out

Wednesday 5th

The weather continues equally wind about E. Steering S.E. by E. under single reefed topsails. At 10 A.M. saw a sail steering N.W. when she got abreast of us she hauled aback, we ran down and spoke her. It proved to be the bark Galon of Westport Capt. Smith. Came out with a few bbls of blackfish oil.

We supposed it to be a homeward bound vessel and we ran for dear life and got our letters about half ready and sealed them up and by this time we were within hauling distance and to our great disappointment she did not intend to go home in a year. There was some tony faces on board but we will try again. Capt. Smith came on board and got some papers and returned. We braced forward and continued our course. Capt. S.