

112 days

Monday April 4th 1853

The S.E. trades hold out well. We have now had for topmast and m. topgallant studding rails on each side. All hands have for 24 days the wind has been light and pleasant. Had as much spruce one little shower shower of rain in the time that in the beer as they chow night so we have had first rate weather to work. Took 2nd to drink we mate painted the bottom of his boat black with a red streak had a cork on about 2 in wide above the water line. The match parted each side on the main fore and aft stays and rattled down the the fore for the foremast and fore topmast rigging while my mate and myself mended and am made 4 or 5 repairs. Lat 6.02 N. Long 106.14 W for the after guard

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Tuesday April 5th

We have had a fresh S.E. trade all day steering N.W. At 8 A.M. saw sperm whale breaching. We had just taken the ceiling out of the larboard boat so the Carpenter and myself put it in again in a hurry and lowered away. The whales about 1 mile off the larboard. The waist boat fastened. The three other boats had a chance to fasten but they did not get near. The loose whale enough to fasten solid and a loose whale got foul in the line and took it all and went off and we saw them his mouth but no more. Returned at 11:12 and set studding rails and continue could not and our course with long jacks. Lat 5 Long 106.14 W. steer him as some could a horn

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Wednesday April 6th

The S.E. trades is still unwilling to leave us and they have been so faithful - so much like a friend in need that we shall be sorry to part with them but we shall have to swap her for this sister A.C. although we cannot expect to be used so kindly by her. Took the ceiling out of the larboard boat and painted the. Finished 19 ribs and hooped 11 bbls and repaired 4. Saw finbacks blackfish and porpoises. Lat 5 Long 106.14 W

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Thursday April 7th

The same old song. The match macking sprung and rattling the topmast and topgallant rigging. Saw porpoises and finbacks. Lat 5 Long 106.14 W

Bound to the N.W. for right whales

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Friday April 8th 1853

To day it has been almost calm now and then a drizzle 112 gals. A little breeze and at night we got a little rain we in four days having caught enough to wash a few pieces of clothing. The beer is about 3 gals a day no shower yet however in about 3 weeks I have made to each man about 20 bone soap. We hope to have a one for them before drinkers but it is long. In the evening we had a little fiddling and down warm weather. Sing to pass the time a few made themselves perfectly. Made another look. Saw porpoises and finbacks. Lat 6 miles N. W. Long 106.14

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Saturday April 9th

The S.E. trades still holds on though light steering N.W. The air is very warm. Made a pair of bladders to blow off casks which work first rate. In the morning broke out the blabber room for empty casks and filled them with salt water to heat ship to port so the Carpenter could sheath a place in the waist to prevent the blabber hooks from the side for the foremast. Finished our Saturday work at 2 o'clock P.M. and washed off deck. Lat 6 Long 106.14 W

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Sunday April 10th

There is something solemn on a sabbath at sea. Although it is not observed here in every respect that I should wish yet I am thankful that it is respected as much as it is. All seem to enjoy themselves well some reading some writing some singing others looking over their pictures of those they have left behind and pleasing themselves with the thoughts of meeting them again and this is a theme in which we all largely participate and build air castles and the Lord knows how many of us will realize one half of our anticipations but if it was not for that the heart would break

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Monday April 11th

Saw before daylight commenced breaking out bread and flour a water to drive it. We found the hoops tight but we gave it a further proof. Spent and evening had a few light squalls of rain which did the work a sea no good. Pumped out about 10 loads of fresh water into a tank and stored them near the hatchway filled the brackish ones with salt water. Fresh water comes up and salt water down