

Dec. 17th P. M. raised a lone sperm whale lanced to the N. & W. Lowered and gave chase. The mate struck him, and we had him alongside by sunset. Lat. 25.42 S, long.

Nov 30. - Fine. Got every thing but head in before dinner. After dinner started the works and commenced trying out.

Lat. 25.35 S, long. 159.42 E.

Dec. 1st. - Fine. Trying out. Hooked on to head and got it in. Baled the case. Found the shank of the bomb lance we fired into him in the bunch of his neck.

No obs.

Dec. 2. - Fine. Trying out. Sunset, hazy swell raising. Looks like bad weather.

Lat. 24.58 S, long. 159.26 E.

Dec. 3. - Hazy. Strong breeze. Trying out. Rain through the afternoon. Put 14 casks of oil between decks. Finished trying out at 6 P. M.

Dec. 4. - Double reef topsail breeze.

Coopering oil. Broke out after hold and got up tackle, ready for stowing. Lat. 24.44 S, long. 158.41 E.

Dec. 5. - Double reef topsail breeze. Broke out after hold and stowed down 40 bbls of oil. At sunset, while eating supper, the mate came to the scuttle and sang out for all hands to stand by for stags. Went on deck and found ourselves on soundings with the bottom in plain sight. Tacked ship. Lat. 24.16 S.

Dec. 6. - Fine. Fresh breeze, E. & E. heading S. Made sail. Finished stowing oil. The whale stowed down 104 bbls, the largest whale we have taken this voyage. Wet hold. Washed off the decks.

7 P. M. set sea watches. Lat. 24.48 S, long. 158.53 E.

Dec. 7. - Fine. Fresh breeze, E. & E. heading S. Coopering empty casks. Rove the main lifts. Lat. 25.36 S, long. 158.06 E.

Dec. 8. - Fine. Fresh breeze, E. & E. heading S. Wash off paint work with lye. All day job. Lat. 27.10 S, long. 157.41 E.

Dec. 9. - Sunday. Fresh breeze, E. No casting.