

26 Journal kept on board of *Sharon* of Fairhaven

Saturday April 15th 1841

This 24 hours light breeze coming at 1 P.M. mid. Whale heard and chased till half past 3 in company with the *Gratitude* of *Thames* and *St. Michael* out 1400 ft. three others ships in sight no cutting Lat by 46° 33' 35" Long 172° 18' 6"

Sunday April 16

This 24 hours light breeze from S. coming at 12 noon 3 boats. West. *Gratitude* and *St. Michael* at the same time of but from *Columbus* of *Providence* faster and *St. Michael* 5 months out clean Lat by 46° 33' 35" Long 172° 18' 6"

Monday

This 24 hours light breeze from S. at 5 P.M. commenced cutting finish at 6 P.M. but the head and throat and tongue were three days no boiling

Tuesday April 17

This 24 hours strong breeze from S. at 11 P.M. all hands busy in tanning but at 6 P.M. bright. *St. Michael* back and rain at the time Lat by 46° 33' 35" Long 172° 18' 6"

Wednesday April 18

This 24 hours strong breeze from S. at 11 P.M. all hands busy in boiling at 6 P.M. finished boiling Lat by 46° 33' 35" Long 172° 18' 6"

Thursday April 19

This 24 hours foggy and rain. First part strong breeze later part light breeze in boiling out between decks

Friday April 20

This 24 hours strong breeze from W. all hands busy in shipping. Steved down 1800 lbs. the *St. Michael* clean steering Lat by 46° 33' 35" Long 172° 18' 6"

Saturday April 21

This 24 hours pleasant breeze from W. all hands busy in tanning out for stocky heads did not find them Lat by 46° 33' 35" Long 172° 18' 22"

Sunday April 22

This 24 hours strong breeze with variable rain and hail at 8 P.M. the ship *Philap* of *Warren* 8 months out. 4000 lbs. whale Lat by 46° 33' 35" Long 172° 18' 6"

Monday April 23

This 24 hours cruising for ships in sight saw *Thos* from whaling. Landed for a whale proved to be a finback at 4 P.M. saw the *St. Michael* and kill a whale Lat by 46° 33' 35" Long 172° 18' 6"

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Cruising on the coast

Tuesday April 23 1841

This 24 hours light breeze from S. coming in sight of two ships saw one of the cutting at 6 P.M. heard for whale and chased till 8 P.M. a board at 9 P.M. board for more chased till half past 11 P.M. a board Lat by 46° 33' 35" Long 172° 18' 6"

Wednesday April 24

This 24 hours light breeze from S. coming at 5 P.M. landed for whale. Landed boat *St. Michael* and mid Lat by 46° 33' 35" Long 172° 18' 6"

Thursday April 25

This 24 hours first part light breeze later part fresh breeze and rain. At 11 P.M. kept off to N. at sunset shrouded sail and layed to the wind heading to S. and C. Lat by 46° 33' 35" Long 172° 18' 6"

Friday April 26

This 24 hours a heavy gale from S. and W. with rain and hail lying to under close reefed main and fore sails. At 11 P.M. heading to S. and C. Lat by 46° 33' 35" Long 172° 18' 6"

Saturday April 27

This 24 hours a gale from S. and W. lying to under close reefed main and fore sails. At 11 P.M. heading to S. and C. Lat by 46° 33' 35" Long 172° 18' 6"

Sunday April 28

This 24 hours pleasant breeze from S. at 11 P.M. all out at 5 P.M. saw a whale at 6 P.M. *St. Michael* went on and started and missed. *St. Michael* stove for plenty of oil to the *St. Michael* Lat by 46° 33' 35" Long 172° 18' 6"

Monday April 29

This 24 hours pleasant breeze coming in sight at 7 P.M. raised whale. Landed 3 boats. *St. Michael* went on and fastened and the whale cut the boat into *St. Michael* picked us up and took us a board of the ship. *St. Michael* but killed *St. Michael* landed and went on and fastened to some whale and stove the side all in two men *St. Michael* hurt took him along side at 11 P.M. commenced cutting finished at 6 P.M. Lat by 46° 33' 35" Long 172° 18' 6"

Tuesday April 30

This 24 hours all hands busy in boiling saw whales and bore and chased yet fine weather Lat by 46° 33' 35" Long 172° 18' 6"

Wednesday May 1

This 24 hours fine weather busy in boiling saw whales landed and chased mended the boat Lat by 46° 33' 35" Long 172° 18' 6"