

Journal of the whaling ship *Shelton*

Friday 22nd Sept 1843.

All these 24 hours strong gales from S.W. 10 AM
at 1 PM wind shifted to the East and at 11 AM
we ran close reefed main top sail and
came to anchor at 10 AM. At 1 PM we
lowered the main top sail and at 1 PM we
obs 37.53 Lat 27 53 N

Saturday 23rd

First part these 24 hours strong gales from
the S.W. and squalls of the wind to the S.E. under
short sail middle part the same bottom part
rather more moderate turned our reef
and main top sail sail Wind S.W.

Lat 37.53 Lat 27 53 N

Sunday 24th

Came with fine breeze from the S.W.
and passing clouds later part light
breeze from S.W. at 9 AM. Raised main
Whale in the Western Broom sawered 3 Whales
pulled up to a large Whale he pierced
The boat and was off came on board
Lat 33.00 Long 26.30



Monday 25th

Came with very light air from the
S.W. at 3 PM. Sawered for a Whale but
could not get fast. Chained inside Sunda
Came on board headed to the West
The W. very light air the wind shifted to the S.E.
to the West of the wind at 4 AM. Looked to the S.E.
So came with very light air from S.W. and
sail in light to the N.E. Lat 33.00 Long 26.30

Tuesday 26th Sept

light air from the S.W. at 1 PM. Came to the S.E.
middle part Calm with heavy rain later
part a light air from the S.E. and for
the wind to the S.W. Lat 33.00 Long 26.30

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Wednesday 27th Sept 1843.

All these 24 hours light air from S.W. 8 AM
by the wind to S.W. and S.E. 7
at 1 PM. Raised a sail a head standing to
the S.W. by the wind so early with light air
Obs Lat 37.53 Lat 27 53 N

Thursday 28th Sept

All these 24 hours very light breeze from S.W.
and Calms working to the South line sail in
light to the S.W. Obs Lat 37.53 Lat 27 53 N

Friday 29th Sept 1843.

All these 24 hours gentle breeze from S.W. 9 AM
at 1 PM. Stood from S.W. to S.E. 7
at 11 AM. Light from top mast standing sail.
Obs Lat 37.53 Lat 27 53 N

Saturday 30th Sept

All these 24 hours moderate breeze from
S.W. to S.E. 7. Heavy light S.W. in ship in sight
in the Western Broom at 10 AM. Raised a sail in
light a head bound to the South
Obs Lat 37.53 Lat 27 53 N

Sunday 1st October 1843.

All these 24 hours light air from
S.W. to S.E. and fair weather. Heavy
breeze S.W. to S.E. 7. in ship in
sight on star and bow bound to
Lat 37.53 Lat 27 53 N

Monday 2nd Oct

These 24 hours very light air from the South and in
weather heavy S.W. 7. 41 and ship in sight a head
at 1 PM. Mr. Franklin denied to be heavy when
I assured him but in evening and put in the new
sail of the Cape came off with scrubby 8
hand spike and we saw them for a while for the
man in I saw and put him in the new
Lat 37.53 Lat 27 53 N