

Journal of a Whaler Voyage of Chatham 1844.
Friday 27th Dec.

All these 24 hours heavy gale from the NW
and squally at 7 P.M. wore ship to the South.
Latter part severe gale with a squally
Sea Lat 44.24 Long 46.17.00 W

Saturday 28th Dec. 1844.

Very heavy gale with a bad sea going too
heavy to the South. Middle and latter part
more moderate at 7 P.M. wore Round to the W
NW made sail to Ender with moderate breeze from
SW and heavy swell & squally Lat 44.16 Long 47.00 W

Sunday 29th Dec. 1844.

Moderate breeze from the SW and heavy swell
by the wind to the NW. Middle part light
air, headed to the SW & NW latter part fine breeze
from the N.W. Steered SW & NW saw Ship small
Pike on the Westward Sea Lat 44.51 Long 48.39 W
O.D. 17.49 W

Monday 30th Dec. 1844.

Fine breeze from the N.W. Steering SW & NW
Middle and latter part the same
Sun rising foggy at 5 P.M. made sail Steered SW & NW
Lat 44.54 Long 49.11 W

Tuesday 31st Dec. 1844.

Fresh breeze from the N.W. and Cloudy Steering
SW & NW Middle part strong latter part squally
and thick Rainy heavy to the SW Lat 45.15 Long 49.50 W

Wednesday 1st January 1845.

Light wind from N.E. and thick Snow to the NW
Middle part strong gale from the E. on 6 P.M.
wore ship headed to the S.E. latter part heavy gale
from the S.W. and thick heavy to the S.E. at 10
P.M. split the fore sail and unbuttoned
so crew with strong cold and very rough sea
hung back Lat 45.20 Long 50.00 W

Staying on board Ship Statira of N. S. 1845

Thursday 2nd January 1845.

Strong gale from S.W. and rough heading
to the S.E. Repaired the fore sail and banded
latter part gentle breeze and fair weather
Steering S.E. Lat 45.21 Long 51.34 W

Friday 3rd

(All these 24 hours moderate breeze from the
NW to N.W. and fair weather Steering S.E.
employed at Surveying Lat 47.25 S
Long 56.30 W
O.D. 17.13 W

Saturday 4th January 1845.

All these 24 hours wind from NW to N. and heavy
heaving from S.W. to S.W. latter part fresh
wind saw a number of seals
Lat 48.01 Long 58.30 W
O.D. 17.08 W

Sunday 5th fresh wind

from the North light wind to N.W.
Middle part Rainy headed to the E. Steering to the
right at 6 P.M. wore round Steered NW & NW
Latter part strong gale from S.W.
Old Lat 47.43 Long 60.17 W

Monday 6th January

Strong winds from the South heading SW & NW
at 2 P.M. Steered North saw fin back
latter part fine breeze from the W and fair
weather Steering N. Lat 48.30 Long 61.30 W

Tuesday 7th January 1845.

All these 24 hours light breeze from the W to N.
and fair weather Steering N. & NW
Saw fin back and black fish

Lat 48.15 Long 62.32 W