

Remarks On Board Ship Stepania

Friday Feb the 15th 1856

Commences with fresh gales from the West laying by the wind heading N.W. at 7 P.M. wore ship and stood by the wind to the southward, at 3 P.M. commenced loading Middle part, strong breezes from the N.W. laying by the wind heading S.W. Latter part much the same saw a number of sulphur bottoms at 9 A.M. lowered the Larboard and waste boats for right whales at 4 past 11. came on board without success Lat 47. 27 S Long 69. 55 E and so ends these 24 hours

Saturday the 16th

Commences with strong breezes from the N.W. steering by the wind to the N.E. at 2 P.M. steered East at 4 past 3. saw a Bark to the Seaward at 4 P.M. saw a right whale. at 4 past 4. Lowered the Larboard and waste boats. the Larboard boat struck and lost her line and 2 irons the whale went off to the windward & came on board without success Middle part Middle part fine breezes from the N.W. laying by the wind heading S.W. at 3 A.M. wore ship and stood by the wind to the S.W. Latter part moderate breezes from the North. Bark Dromo in sight. at 8 A.M. lowered for right whales at 4 past 11 came on board without success and so ends these 24 hours Lat 47. 14 S Long 71. 25 E

Sunday the 17th

Commences with light airs from the N.E. with cloudy weather Lowered and chased right whales all the afternoon without success the starboard boat struck and clawed at 3 P.M. saw the Dromo take a whale along side Middle part. calm till 12 o'clock. the wind sprang up from the S.W. laying by the wind heading S.E. Latter part strong gales from the S.W. stowing down oil in the Larboard side of the fore hold and shifting the water over on the starboard side. saw a Bark to the windward and so ends these 24 hours Lat 47. 24 S Long 70. 53 E

Cruising Off the Is^{le} Of Desolation

Monday the 18th 1855

Commences with fresh gales from the S.W. laying by the wind heading S.S.E. all hands impleied in stowing oil in the fore hold. at 7 P.M. wore ship and stood by the wind to the N.W. Middle part. at 2 A.M. the wind hauled to the S.W. at 4 A.M. wore ship and stood by the wind to the West Latter part rainey with fresh gales from the N.W. Latter laying by the wind heading West and so ends this Day Long

Tuesday the 19th

Commences with fresh gales from the west laying by the wind to the S.W. at 6 P.M. wore ship and stood by the wind to the N.E. Middle part more moderate. Latter part strong breezes from the West and S.W. at 9 A.M. Lowered for right whales. at 4 past 10. the starboard boat struck. and so ends these 24 hours Lat 47. 13 S Long

Wednesday the 20th

Commences with strong gales from the S.W. at 1 P.M. the whale along side at 3. commenced cutting took his head throat and lips. and 2 blanket pieces. the blubber tore off. and the fluke chain parted. the whale sunk and we lost the remainder of him Middle part strong gales from the S.W. and squally laying by the wind on the N. Western tack. under close reefed main top sail and spencers. Latter part strong gales from the West at 4 P.M. wore ship. and headed to the S.S.W. all hands impleied in stowing down oil. and so ends these 24 hours Lat 46. 45 S Long

Thursday the 21st

Commences with fresh gales from the N.W. impleied in stowing the fore hold Middle part at 5 P.M. wore ship set double reefed top sails jib and fore sail at 10 P.M. strong gales from N.W. by N. close reefed the top sails took in the jib reefed the fore sail. wore ship and stood by the wind to the N.W. Latter part much the same with rain and so ends these 24 hours

Lat 46. 20 S Long 70. 48 E