

1844 Ship Alcas on the Coast of Japan
289 Days out

Saturday May 18th

Commences with fine and light winds from E ship steering S under all sail Middle Part fine weather Latter Part the same at 9 A.M. saw whales lowered and got nothing at 11 A.M. lowered again the L.B. struck one and the B.B. struck another the line parted from one and the other sunk
So Ends - this Day
Lat 38° 50' North

290 Sunday May 19th

Commences with fine weather ship under all sail and plenty of whales in sight at 2 P.M. lowered the boats again and the B.B. struck a calf and he ran him out of town so he cut and let him go Middle and Latter Part fine weather So Ends this Day
Lat 38° 50' North Long 148° 25' East

291 Monday May 20th

Commences with fine weather and light winds from W ship laying to under close reefed main top sail and fore sail. Middle Part much the same Latter Part fine weather made all sail so Ends nothing in sight
Lat 38° 40' North Long 148° 30' East

292 Tuesday May 21th

Commences with fine weather and light winds from S.W. steering S.W. under easy sail Middle Part much the same Latter Part thick and foggy at 10 A.M. saw a whale lowered and the B.B. got one and took him to the ship
So Ends this Day
Lat 39° 20' North

293 Wednesday May 22th

Commences with fine weather all hands employed in cutting in the whale at 11 P.M. finished and got the match Middle part much the same at day light called all hands and cleared up the decks and commenced boiling so Ends thick and foggy and light winds

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Thursday May 23rd

Commences with thick and rainy weather and light winds from the South ship heading to the Eastward by the wind Middle Part foggy weather Latter Part fine weather saw plenty of whales but very foggy at 10 A.M. cleared up lowered the boats the B.B. struck one and the line parted and of he went so Ends
Lat 40° 00'

295 Friday May 24th

Commences with foggy weather and calm plenty of whales at 4 P.M. lowered two boats but did not get past Middle Part much the same Latter Part fresh breeze plenty of whales in sight lowered the boats the L.B. struck a whale and killed him and he sunk the B.B. struck one and took him to the ship blowing so we could not cut So Ends this Day
Lat 40° 40' North Long 148° 10' West

296 Saturday May 25th

Commences with a gale of wind from the S.E. ship laying by a whale and boiling Middle Part much the same Latter Part more moderate at 7 commenced cutting were ship blowing fresh breeze and a very thick fog so Ends cutting

297 Sunday May 26th

Commences with a very thick fog and a light breeze employed in cutting at 13 P.M. finished Middle Part fine weather Latter Part much the same so Ends employed in boiling
Lat 41° 10' North Long 148° 53' East

298 Monday May 27th

Commences with fine weather and light winds from W the watch employed in boiling Middle Part much the same Latter Part light winds from E ship under easy sail saw one right whale all hands employed in moving down oil so Ends
So Ends