

1845 Journal on Board Ship Uncas

Saturday May 10th 1845

Commences with thick fog and a fresh breeze from S.E. ship heading E by the wind under easy sail nothing to do and dull times much the same so ends

Sunday May 11th

Commences with fine weather wind from W ship heading N by the wind saw several fine backs Middle and latter part much the same so ends

Lat 38° 22' North

Monday May 12th

Commences with a fresh breeze from W ship heading N.E. W under storm sails middle part much the same latter part blowing a gale from N.W ship laying too under close reefed main top sail so ends Lat 38° 32' North

Tuesday May 13th

Commences with a gale at 4 P.M. more moderate were ship to the S.W. middle part fine weather latter part much the same ship under all sail steering N.W. W wind so ends

Lat 38° 44' Lat 151° 31' East

Wednesday May 14th

Commences with fine weather and light winds from S ship steering N.W. W under all sail saw plenty of feede top water middle part much the same latter part fresh breeze from S.E. at 1 P.M. lowered for a cow and calf whale the W.B. struck and the Iron broke at 10 saw several more whales so ends

Lat 39° 28' N Long 150° 45' East

Thursday May 15th

Commences with fine weather wind from S.E. saw whales lowered for them the L.B. struck and the line parted and away he went came on board again &c

Lat

Ship Uncas in amongst whales

Friday May 16th 1845

Commences with strong breeze from W by N ship under double reefed topsails heading S.W. by S on the wind 2 P.M. raised a right whale lured the boats B Boat and got stage V then hit from him Starboard boat lured and picked them up 4 P.M. got on board took the boat in on deck and took in all sail but blast reefed the topsail and fore topmast staysail middle and latter part a lively gale of wind Lat 39° 45' N

Long 151° 00' East

Saturday May 17th

Commences with a gale of wind from N.W. W ship hauled to under close sail heading N employed in mending foresail and boat middle and latter part the same employed in mending foresail

Lat 39° 49' North

Long 151° 38' East

Sunday May 18th

Commences with a gale of wind from N.W. W ship heading N under blow reefed the topsail middle and latter part wind hauled to N and moderated but cold so ends this day

Lat 39° 40' North

Long none

Monday May 19th

Commences with moderate breeze from N ship under blow sail heading N.W. by W 3 P.M. set the fore topsail a plenty of right whales in sight middle and latter part calm

5 A.M. made all sail raised a right whale lured the boats but did not get past came on board 10 A.M. raised more lured again but without success so ends this day

Lat 39° 30' North

Long 151° 15' East

Tuesday May 20th

Commences with light winds from S.W. and fine weather ship on the wind heading W.N.W. all sail set 2 P.M. raised whales lured the boats did not get past came on board 4 P.M. took in sail for the night middle and latter part wind & weather the same

1 P.M. raised whales lured but did not get past came on board 10 P.M. raised more lured the boats again Bow Boat struck and drew in came on

board so ends this day

Lat 40° 00' North

Long 150° 45' East