

Ship William Hamilton in the Pacific. December 1838.

Friday, Dec. 21st + Saturday, Dec. 22nd
Commenced with strong gales from the W
heading to the N. under a close reefed main
top sail at 7 P.M. were ship to the S. at
set the fore sail & fore spence.
Lat. 43 55. Long. 172 36

Saturday, Dec. 22nd
Commenced with strong gales from the W
heading to the S under easy sail saw
black fish porpoises & killers heading
to the South.
Lat. 44 00

Sunday, Dec. 23rd
Commenced with hard gales from the W.
heading to the S. latter part more
moderate set double reefed top sails gale
& main sail.
Lat. 43 58. Long. 172 01 W

Monday, Dec. 24th
Commenced with moderate breezes from
the W. heading N. at 3 P.M.
tacked ship to S. & S.W. Middle & latter
part light breezes from the S. Course, W. & S.W.
Lat. 44 00. Long. 172 24

Tuesday, Dec. 25th
Commenced with light breezes from the
East at 2 P.M. saw sperm whales lowered
the boat the bow struck & the iron broke
got nothing & ships in sight. Chatter sail
in sight Middle & latter part the same.
Lat. 44 15. Long. 172 00

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Wednesday, Dec. 26th
Commenced with light breezes from the
S. & S.W. heading to the S. W. Christmas
day & here we are & here we are like to be
Middle & latter part hard gales from the S.W.
Lat. 44 15. Long. 173 20 W

Thursday, Dec. 27th
Commenced with hard gales from the S.W. heading to
S. & S.W. under short sail hard times & no whales.
Lat. 44 18. Long. 173 15

Friday, Dec. 28th
Commenced with hard gales from S.W. &
Middle & latter part more moderate made sail &
stood to the S.W. saw porpoises.
Lat. 43 50. Long. 172 30 W

Saturday, Dec. 29th
Commenced with light winds & foggy with rain
at 5 P.M. spoke the Ship Emily Morgan
13 months out with 300 lbs. of sperm oil &
100 lb. of whale at 8 P.M. saw a ship bedding
heading to the S.W. Lat. 44 22. South.

Sunday, Dec. 30th
Commenced with light winds from the S.
heading to the East at 5 P.M. spoke the Bostonians
with the loss of 2 boats from her crew in the late
gale. we supplied her with an old boat latter part heading
to the N. foggy wind from the North.
Lat. 44 30. Long. 172 53 W

Monday, Dec. 31st
Commenced with fresh breezes from the S. heading to the N.
under double reefed top sails latter part light breezes
heading to the East at 4 P.M. saw land.
Lat. 44 12. Long. 174 20