

1843 Jan Journal of Ship William Thompson

properly, Blubber, lying about in all directions, the deck is as slippery as ice, the Carpenter says he is not sure of the Legs that under him a minute.

Longitude 78.00 W
Latitude 34.04 S

Sunday January 29 1843

Light Winds

from S and W. It would be difficult to say how the ship was heading for we were standing off and on from Hernandez all day which I forgot to mention in the previous day, soon we made it at 10 A.M. from Mack head, on Friday we lacked at noon and headed for it; we left the ship for to get a Wife of fish at 7 A.M. and did not return until 4 P.M. during which time we caught some 30 weight of excellent fish we went on shore saw plenty of unripe fruit of almost every kind, Shaw Bullocks and goats in abundance. It is indeed a beautiful island and everything man requires it produces in profusion, the weather was very fine.

Longitude 78.29 W
Latitude 33.40 S

Monday January 30 1843

Light breezes from

N.W. beautiful weather, all hands on deck, the principal work is Coopering Oil and stowing away Whale gear. Expect to a Whale this afternoon. Enjoyed the fresh fish very much all hand had some before trying the rest.

Longitude 79.30 West
Latitude 32.18 S

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Tuesday January 31 1843

Light winds from S.W. and pleasant weather, all hands on deck cleaning up, and fixing Toy Works, Coopering Oil &c. At 2 P.M. saw a sail from Mackhead, spoke her at 5 P.M., proved to be the Orkhanian of Captain Smith 28 Months out 1300 tons all hands in good health, have not seen Whales for a month, we had some letters for him.

Longitude 79.4 W
Latitude 30.02 S

Wednesday January 1

Light winds from S.W. and fine weather, all hands on deck cleaning up, and fixing Toy Works, Coopering Oil &c. At 2 P.M. saw a sail from Mackhead, spoke her at 5 P.M., proved to be the Orkhanian of Captain Smith 28 Months out 1300 tons all hands in good health, have not seen Whales for a month, we had some letters for him.

Longitude 79.43 W
Latitude 27.29 S

Thursday January 2 1843

Light winds from S.W. and fine weather, all hands on deck cleaning up, and fixing Toy Works, Coopering Oil &c. At 2 P.M. saw a sail from Mackhead, spoke her at 5 P.M., proved to be the Orkhanian of Captain Smith 28 Months out 1300 tons all hands in good health, have not seen Whales for a month, we had some letters for him.