

# 1843 Journal of Ship William Thompson

Sunday March 19 - 1843

I can't say we have had any wind to speak of today. It is beautiful weather for Whaling, or indeed any other profitable business. plenty of Gammon going on and that is the principal item I have to record in these few and faithful few Reminders, as Sam Wells would say.

Longitude 146° 57' W

Latitude 17° 30' N

Monday March 20 1843

Light wind, some rain, but on the whole very good Whaling weather, but strange to say we have found the Fish rather scarce. Men employed making Mats, Painting Ship, and Storing down our thirty-bled Spence which we have kept on deck for the sake of example until the summer makes us push it down below. John S. Hawley made his appearance this morning first time since his illness.

Longitude 147° 18' W

Latitude 17° 35' N

Tuesday March 21 1843

Light wind and good weather, all drawing sail. Men employed, Painting Ship and giving her a good cleaning up before getting in all hands well except Steward and Gifford who remain about the same. Phillips and Steward getting on well don't fight more than five or six times a day. Doctor improving in the art of Cooking every day something new.

Longitude 147° 44' W

Latitude 18° 53' N

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Wednesday March 22 1843

Light wind and very little to do. Much much doing in the Blubber line Men employed in Painting Ship Making Mats and picking Raisins with a great many other little jobs. Just to keep the Pot a sizzling. Old Bill Thompson begins to be himself again - look Quilt O. K. all we want is a little Fresh provisions and other little matters to put us on our legs again - don't put an hour proper meaning to the stove - only a Quilt. That is all I mean to say - Indeed I was

Longitude 151° 41' W

Latitude 19° 37' N

Thursday March 23

Strong wind from the North all drawing sail. Let's expect to see land to day, some on board say they have seen it three hundred miles off but I for one do not believe it, it was the same person who told the Yarn of some man killing fourteen Whales with out fastening to one man in good spirits looking with a light heart to be well more on hand.

Longitude 15

Latitude 20° 28' N

Friday March 24 1843

Good strong winds from the N. all drawing sail. All hands in good spirits expect some fun in a day or so - at 10.30 made the land of our weather bow expect to get in tomorrow. Longitude 154° 31' W Latitude 21° 00' N