

N^o 43 Journal of Ship William Thompson
April 27

At 10 A.M. raised Whales ahead about 3 miles off. Lowered two boats. It proved to be a right whale and calf. The boats were running after him in all directions until one o'clock, when they came on board to dinner. After dinner they lowered again but with the same luck so we have been working all day for nothing. The whale gone but it is some comfort to see one even without getting him for it seems there are some fish about here.

Longitude 157° 24' W
Latitude 48° 15' N

Monday April 28 1843

Strong gales of wind from W. S.W. heard sea not much doing on board. Weather being so rough for almost any employment but ripping sails. Plenty of whales but could not loiter after them we were so close to the ship. At one time they have been seen from mast head in every direction during the day. Tomorrow we expect to feel our blubber robes.

Longitude 150° 37' W
Latitude 48° 5' N

Saturday April 29th 1843

Wind about the same. Plenty of snow and heavy sea. Plenty of whales but no weather to take them so bad. The weather is apparently cold, much more than when we were off Cape Horn. Cooper working below masting buakers. Longitude 160° 27'

Latitude 48° 16'

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Sunday April 30 1843

Weather fine wind blowing from the N. fine whaling but have not seen any of them. Chaps that were blowing us out of water last night. At 11 from Landed ship and flood to the

At 3 P.M. raised a whale on our starboard bow. Lowered three boats who were running about in all directions until night but could not do any thing with him. The whales do not stay up long enough to get a chance at them. This is the way they whale is up here some will come but rather short.

Longitude 150° 20' W
Latitude 48° 30' N

Monday May 1 1843

Strong gales from the W. heavy sea plenty of rain. Weather thick and foggy did not see any whales. Men down below deck employed in picking & peeling.

Longitude 149° 23' W
Latitude 49° 26' N

Tuesday May 2 1843

Wind has moderated a good deal since yesterday. Weather very fine and not so cold. Raised whales but could not find them. After hunting some we raised another but he also disappeared. Have not seen any during the rest of the day. Men busy getting blubber whale gear ready. As if from furrows as we will cut him in in no time.

Longitude 149° 3' W
Latitude 50° 37' N