

1843 Journal of Ship William Thompson
Key

Wednesday May 3 1843
Strong winds from
S.E. weather thick and cold
plenty of birds in sight
Musk be some whales near
took to sea and began
Topsails and lay to all night
Longitude 47° 3' W
Latitude 51° 20' N

Thursday May 4 1843
Strong winds from
S.E. turning the morning afternoon
wind died away weather cold and
foggy not much done on board
except grinding Lances and sharpen
in expectation of soon having to
put them with Prof's plenty
of birds in sight, Cooper busy
getting Carl ready men employed
in ship duty, have laid to
all day under close reefed Main
Topsail and Spencers

Longitude 47° 12' W
Latitude 52° 38' N

Friday May 5 1843
Beautiful weather light
breezes from the Eastward raised
a sail this morning of the Starboard
bow she was whaling had her
Main Yard aback at 9. At 12 we
raised a gale of weight whales
sighted and struck one had
him dead at 12 o'clock got every
thing ready for cutting him
first took the trunk to rise
in fore - Bad Luck - at 3
P.M. spoke the ship Maria there
she had struck 2 large fish to
day Captain & Labor came
on board

Longitude 47° 30' W
Latitude 53° 03' N

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Saturday May 6 1843
Strong gales of
wind from N.E.W. weather
raining squalls and very cold
sea running high, at 2 P.M.
Took in waist and Brood Boards
have been lying two under
cloud reefed Main Topsail
and Spencers

Longitude 47° 30' W
Latitude 53° 15' N

Sunday May 7 1843
Nothing remains
of the late gale but a heavy swell
which does not go down will
turn into another breeze before
tomorrow, plenty of birds in sight
saw not seen any whales to day
another man taken down with
the Camp, Lying two under fore
sail and Spencers

Longitude 47° 15' W
Latitude 52° 05' N

Monday May 8 1843
Weather has moderated
but still remains cold and
unpleasant, not a whale in
sight It is no bad good weather
should not be lost on the N.W.
but we must wait our time
with patience, men employed
in getting the Blubber room in
readiness, Peter Hannigan
is confined with the Camp

Longitude 47° 07' W
Latitude 53° 20' N

Tuesday May 9 1843
Winds blowing from
S.W. weather foggy and raining
not much done on board
men employed in Pickling Olfen