

Journal of Ship William Thompson

Boards were busy grinding Lances
at 8 P.M. raised a Whale on our
Lee Bow but it was too foggy
to lower for him at 8 P.M. raised
a Sail proved to be the same
Ship we spoke some days ago
The

Longitude 149° 9' W
Latitude 53° 16' N

Wednesday May 10 1843

Wind blowing
from Pleasant weather
Cooper busy making benches
at 10 P.M. raised a Whale on
our Lee Bow lowered all the
Boats on Stuck but only
held on for a few moments
It was the largest Whale we
have seen the moment it
was lost he went to sundried
at the rate of ten fathoms

Longitude 149° W
Latitude 53° 55' N

Thursday May 11 1843

Beautiful weather
every thing looks calm we would
not think there could be such
fine weather in a place we
have seen such Gales for
the last month but it
seems the fine weather is only
beginning now at 3 P.M.

raised a Whale on our Lee
Bow lowered all the Boats
but could not get near him
after chasing him until
dark we came on board
sick enough and cursing
our bad fate

Longitude 148° 51' W
Latitude 53° 16' N

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Friday May 12 1843

Boards were busy commencing
boards from 1 P.M. at 2
P.M. raised a Whale and lowered
2 Boats after chasing him some
4 hours he took it in his head
to go to windward Boats came
on board spoke the Ship Bayley
1000 lbs right Whale oil. Luffed
to the wind for the night in the
morning let all sail

Longitude 149° 20' W
Latitude 53° 5' N

Saturday May 13 1843

Boards were busy
from 11 A.M. at 7 P.M. raised a
Whale lowered 2 boats and stuck
him down crew we made
a several attempts to stick him
again but could not he went
to windward weather thick
spoke the Maria Theresa
she has not yet any oil
as yet all the Whales sink
but our Irons all crew
but we will give one yet

Longitude 149° 30' W
Latitude 53° 20' N

Sunday May 14 1843

Splendid whaling
weather fine calm very good
cold enough raised a Whale on
our weather bow at 8 P.M. lowered
after breakfast after some time
we stuck him but as usual
the Irons drew and the Whale
went to windward the Boats
done well they are beginning
to pull well and this Whale
gave them a chase at 2 P.M. came
on board and made all sail

Longitude 153° 40' W
Latitude 47° 50' N