

Journal of Ship William Thompson

Thursday May 28 1843

Fine calm weather. Went  
to much for a young whale. Found  
down our last whale. I am a  
little bit ashamed about the  
quality as well as quantity. However  
we took him down at 11 P.M.  
raised a whale a mile off. Lowered  
the Harpoon Boat went down  
by him with paddles and took  
him but I saw few fish. Took  
Lowered 149 42 W  
Latitude 55 06 N

Friday May 29 1843  
Splendid weather

for whaling but not much doing  
on our side of the question. A large  
school in sight but which makes  
us feel rather suspicious. The boat  
is going to put in the boys in  
a boat a man as far as this  
last boat has been we lowered  
three times but did not get  
fast don't know what the matter  
much come by and by.

Longitude 148 30 W  
Latitude 55 02 N  
Saturday May 30 1843

Plenty of whales and  
lots of ships no less than seven  
saw. got fish. Other whaling and  
cutting in. Lowered Boat four  
times but could not strike them  
something must be the matter.  
They think they are as much as  
other whalers. The Boston hopes  
the whales will be so thick  
that we will not be able to leave  
ship. Whales in my opinion  
but they seem to be frightened  
they will not let the boats get  
near them.

Longitude 149 11 W  
Latitude 54 45 N

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Sunday May 28 1843

Good weather and  
moderate breezes plenty of whales  
but some rain or other occurred.  
got one today. We are at the  
boiling or cutting the blubber. Found  
a school one last will come by and  
by. Raised a whale at 4 P.M.  
Lowered all the boats but could  
not bring a fish. Several ships  
in sight all whaling. Lowered  
several times but without  
success.

Longitude 149 30 W  
Latitude 54 20 N

Monday May 29 1843

Fine calm weather.  
Plenty of ships in sight.  
all busy boiling, whaling or  
cutting. In but no whale. Shall  
be at boiling all one time and  
year and not bringing any fish.  
The Boston says the whale bring  
one time or die. Lowered 4 times  
for fish and three times for  
blubber. Boats but could not  
bring one. By and by will  
come.

Longitude 149 11 W  
Latitude 54 47 N

Tuesday May 30 1843

Splendid weather but  
no luck what will we do for we  
will be ashamed to go to prove  
100 lbs of oil in a week. It is so  
bad there must be something  
the matter. At 10 P.M. raised a  
whale. Lowered all the boats. Ben  
Smith struck and was taken  
to windward. The boats chased  
him for six hours but could  
not get, said he was obliged