

Journal of Ship William Thompson

at 11 A.M. took the ship south
Carolina Captain Stewart who
came on board to learn raised
whales at 3 P.M. lowered all our
boats the last boat was struck
and killed him in about 8 hours
and then our boats came
on board at 10 o'clock took in
sail and went to bed

Longitude 147° 29' W
Latitude 55° 20' N

Thursday June 29th 1843

fine weather whales
all round us lowered at 4 P.M.
after whales but could not get on
them came on board for breakfast
lowered 5 times during the day
but without success two ships
in sight one calling in the other
boiling and we at present doing
nothing this won't get the splendid
William Thompson full.

Longitude 146° 47' W
Latitude 55° 31' N

Friday June 30th 1843

This day commences with
fine pleasant weather with a moderate
breeze plenty of whales but some how
or other we cannot get fast to them
lowered three times to day without
success then all beat out and
very thing seems to work against
us. there are now four men on the
besides Ben Smith one from
board reader. Thomas. Sunday
was resumed July 1st 1843
says he looks like a Bull dog
eating snuff at 7 P.M. took in
sail there is now four whales
in sight.

Longitude 146° 55' W
Latitude 55° 34' N

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Saturday July 1st 1843

This day commences
with beautiful weather and plenty
of whales but cannot get fast to
them we have been pulling
all day and have taken nothing
and that is much more lamentable
I don't think we are likely to get
another fish

Longitude 146° 52' W
Latitude 55° 41' N

Sunday July 2nd 1843

fine pleasant weather
and plenty of whales in sight
lowered several times during the
day but did not get near them
at 2 P.M. raised a game of whales
on our lee bow lowered and strike
two Mr. Baker and Mr. Stearns were
fast for three hours but could not
bring them in at 9 P.M. I let the
codlines for them to come on board
if there is 250 lbs gone if we had
to 2 more more we should have
got both of them

Longitude 146° 59' W
Latitude 55° 48' N

Monday July 3rd 1843

This day begins with
fine clear weather and every
thing looks like whale ground
we are almost exhausted and
only think about getting two
more whales this season
at 1 P.M. raised a whale
lowered the boats but could
not strike him lowered again
at 5 P.M. put did not strike
been the ship south Carolina
she is boiling has taken one
whale since we last saw her

Longitude 147° 00' W
Latitude 55° 34' N