

Journal of Ship William Thompson

Tuesday 4 July 1843

This day some success with thick fog all hands are going to have a fresh Meep to pay in honor of the 4 of July at dinner time however they were disappointed for they bring out frozen blubber and blubber, however the boats and thick two whales and what is much better for them both and began to cut in by 6 P.M.

Longitude 147.00 W
Latitude 55.50 N

Wednesday July 5 1843

All hands busy cutting in they will feel our blubber soon, fully weather is splendid for cutting well get them in by dinner time at 8 P.M. began to boil and find them very fat all hands in good spirits and think they spent a very pleasant day.

Longitude 146.40 W
Latitude 56.5 N

Thursday July 6 1843

Fine boiling weather we are smoking away in fine style the Baker's whale is very fat and no doubt will make 100 Bils spoke the skinneth at 7 P.M. from now on the whale we have not seen any whales to day Captain Reed came on board the gun and got it out

Longitude 146.22 W
Latitude 56.10 N

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Friday July 7 1843

Splendid weather for all kinds of whaling all hands busy boiling and scraping some have not seen any whaling going on to day no ships in sight but no whales Mr Nelson spoke to Mr Norton about not getting the bone deeped fast enough he said if I could get any body aboard the ship that would suit me better to get him for mate

Longitude 146.54 W
Latitude 55.58 N

Saturday July 8 1843

Good whaling weather and plenty of ships in sight all busy some boiling some cutting in, at 4 P.M. raised a whale Mr Baker fastened and then all hands at 10 P.M. cut and came on board whale went off.

Longitude 146.58 W
Latitude 55.58 N

Sunday July 9 1843

The weather fine ships in all doing something and plenty of whales in sight at 8 P.M. raised two fish but the beam lowered when Smith struck and then all hands had a dig at him at 4 P.M. Mr Nelson gave out and came on board I then went down myself and struck him at 8 P.M. killed him got him along