

1843

Journal of Ship M^r Thompson

Monday July 24th
 runs from S.W. S. Commenced strong
 and squally heading
 to the S.E. East at 1 P.M. spoke the Bark Nye 650 lbs
 the season not yet finished to the Westward and Shatan
 whet. humpbacks and finbacks in sight but no right
 Whales latter part foggy weather Sun Obscured
 Lat by Act 53. 55. N
 Long by Act 152. 10 W

Tuesday July 25th
 Fresh gales from South
 with a heavy sea from the S.W. Ship heading N by E
 upon double reefed topsails at 8 P.M. bore to the
 Eastward at 4 A.M. wore back again latter part morning
 accompanied towards noon with occasional showers
 Lat by Act 54. 30 N
 Long by Act 153. 03 W

Wednesday July 26th
 Fair weather wind
 S.W. heading N.W. crew & Employers picking oakum
 Richard & others quite unwell to day. complaints of
 a pain in his chest. at 8 P.M. tacked to the Southward
 saw a Ship heading to the N.W. at 10 A.M. called the
 crew aft and gave them a lecture, they went off
 apparently very well satisfied several flocks of birds
 passed over this morning and several finbacks
 played under the ship

Lat by Act 54 10 N
 Long by Act 152 55 W

Thursday July 27th
 Very foggy weather
 wind from S.W. Employed picking oakum Cooper at
 his trade finbacks all around the ship latter part
 fine weather Got Stationer for Chronometer and found
 the Longitude to be 153. 43 W this day John Thomas
 resumed his duty after being below 12 days being sick
 Lat by Observation 53. 00 N
 Long by Chr 153. 46

This day has passed off as usual no Whales and no appear-
 ance of any I think we have gone far enough to the westward
 without seeing Whales So about the goes to the Northward and
 Eastward again put in hopes to get one or two Whales before the season up

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Friday July 28th
 Moderate breeze from S.W. and
 cloudy weather heading N.E. East all hands
 variolously Employed, the ship has been in blue water
 all day and among finbacks and porpoises Sulphur
 bottoms &c. towards the boats and tried to strike one and
 after dogging him about an hour gave him up a chase
 at 5 P.M. saw ship steering S.E. East with all sail out
 getting sick of S.W. coast think of leaving soon
 unless something remarkable turns up, and that
 must be a whale

Lat by Obs 54. 01 N
 Long by Chr 151. 19 West

Saturday July 29th
 Charming weather
 Steering N.E. by E under all sail Steered N.W. all
 hands anxiously looking out for the Spouters
 begin to feel rather wolfish about these times. All I can
 say is, should the Bird be seen he as good as winged
 for I begin to feel as if I could eat a middling sized
 Whale, and Mr. Kipton says he can make one
 look like a cat eating oil Soap at 10 A.M. spoke ship
 Martha of Fairhaven 36 months on 1800 lbs. about
 this time saw right Whale coming quick to
 windward topper the boats but could not get
 near them ^{in puffing} ~~with the boats~~ at 12 came on board
 Lat by Obs 53. 54 N
 Long by Act 150 05 W

Sunday July 30th
 Moderate breezes from
 South in company with the Martha of Fairhaven
 lots of finbacks in sight all the afternoon heard of
 Humphreys getting two Whales on the 28th very happy
 to hear it think there is a few more about these
 offshoot latter part foggy weather tacking over
 the ground in hopes to see a Whale, at last the
 day ends and we have taken nothing
 Lat by Act 54. 00 N
 By a glimpse of the sun we saw 54. 10 N
 Long by Act 149. 48 W

"Heard of Ship Canton ten days since with 4 Whales
 this season Also Ship Maine 1 Whale