

1856 Journal of the Whale Ship Wm Thompson

Wednesday May 1st

Loggy weather heading South broke out Westward side fore hole took up 12 Casks of oil and lowered off again Lat by Obs 46.30 N Long by Ant 162.50 W

Thursday May 2nd

Great swell West and fine weather with the exception of a little fog in the morning Employed away Breeze bed down Casks

Lat by Ant 46.11 N

Long by Chron 163.21 W

Friday May 3rd

Strong Gales from West and squally weather heading to the West with the foremast for the first time at 10 AM raised the fore sail and sheet

Lat by Obs 47.16 North

Long by Ant 163.40 W

Saturday May 4th

Fine moderate wind a heavy sun running at daylight made all sail and stand at East saw forebark and the fore again Cooper Employed set up Shocks

Lat by Obs 48.02 North

Long by Chron 162.50 W

Sunday May 5th

Moderate with overcast weather steering S.E. by South throughout the day Lat by Obs 48.17 North

Long by Chron 162.18 W

Monday May 6th

Beautiful weather at 1 PM raised right wheel and lowered for them struck with two boats and after wards the lines parted chased the whale until 4 PM then came on board cutting part of the day fresh gales and foggy

Lat by Obs 49.49 N

Long by Chron 160.11 W

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Tuesday May 7th

Strong breezes and thick foggy weather employed breaking out foremast and storing it over again No observation

Wednesday May 8th

Heading to the Westward Employed variously No observation

Thursday May 9th

Fresh Gales from South standing to the E.S. at 12 PM night the changed to the Westward at 6 PM were ship broke out the fore Peak for Shocks & Pegs and got them upon deck

Lat by Obs 50.11 N

Long by Ant 158.50 W

Friday May 10th

Fresh breezes with hail squalls occasionally heading to the West killed two pigs that being the most important item in the cargo took Cooper set up 60 Bbls of Casks to day

Lat by Obs 49.15 N

Long by Ant 158.55 W

Saturday May 11th

Wind moderating gradually at 7 PM were ship to the West at daylight made all sail the fore having hauled to the South the watch Employed setting up Shocks

Lat by Obs 50.00 N

Long by Chron 159.31 W

Sunday May 12th

Fresh breezes from South steering West for Compass with the fore at 4 PM hauled to Eastward and lie by for the night at 8 PM set the fore sail with foggy weather by a glimpse of the Sun over Lat by Obs was 50.40 North

Long by Ant 158.50 W

Monday May 13th

Wind from S.E. foggy unpleasant weather standing to the Eastward at 7 PM were the ship to the West and furled the fore sail and lie by for the night