

1844 Journal of Whale Ship *Wm. Thompson*

Friday May 24th
Fine weather throughout the day Steaming at 11 under all sail Saw two Ships in the course of the day boiling. Got Lancer Oils which made the Long haul 157.44.43 W
Long by Chr 157.44 W
Lat by Obs 53.13 N

Saturday May 25th
Fresh Gales throughout the day with plenty of wright. Whales in sight saw three ships
Lat by Obs 53.23 N
Long by Chr 157.50 W

Sunday May 26th
More moderate steam killed and took a wright whale to the ship at 8 PM finished cutting at 11 began boiling to end
Lat by Obs 53.12 N
Long by Chr 158.00

Monday May 27th
Fine weather still boiling, struck two whales in the course of the day and drew all from both
Lat by Obs 53.40 N
Long by Chr 158.22 W

Tuesday May 28th
Charming weather chasing whales all day or dogging of them about 11 it seemed almost impossible to strike one until 3 PM when the Boats struck and afterwards the bowline in the short warp cast off and so lost whale after having 1. Boat hauled onely
Lat by Obs 53.15 N
Long by Chr 158.54

Wednesday May 29th
Fresh heavy from N.E. finished boiling at 10 of AM course and took a whale to the ship
Long by Chr 159.20 Lat by Obs 53.21 N

Thursday May 30th
Milder and weather the same as on the 29th at 8 PM finished cutting and began boiling Ends boiling
Lat 53.30
Long by Chr 159.43

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Thursday May 30
Continues fresh breezes from N.E. Still boiling at 14 AM however struck and afterwards stove the boat knocked the Head off her stem off cut the line and came on Board and lost whale 80 de Fe and so on
Lat by Obs 53.30 N
Long by Chr 159.50 W

Friday May 31st
Moderate breezes from N.E. and foggy latter part here Gales and rainy. Still boiling at 10 AM Commenced again Saw 13 at 10 to leeward
Lat by Obs 53.20 N
Long by Chr 159.20 W

Saturday June 1st
at 10 the Gale abated, and terminated in thick fog all hands cleaning bone and coopering oil for stowing
Lat by Obs 53.13 N
Long by Chr 159.00 W

Sunday June 2nd
All these twenty four hours fine weather stowed down 200 Barrels of oil in fore hold saw several ships in the course of the day
Lat by Obs 53.15 N
Long by Chr 159.20 W

Monday June 3rd
Foggy throughout the day lying here too saw right whale in the morning
Lat by Obs 53.12 N
Long by Chr 159.00

Tuesday June 4th
Beautiful weather throughout the day took Bark Bremen one whale this season at 12 spoke ship Hamilton super Master 600 Bbls saw 5 other ships in the course of the day
Lat by Obs 53.27 N
Long by Chr 158.05 West