

1844 Journal of Whale Ship Wm Thompson

Wednesday June 5th

fine weather from out the day heading to westward. Several times saw Whales but could not strike. Saw ship to the southward.

Lat by Obs 53.26 N

Long by Obs 159.20 W

Thursday June 6th

Foggy for the most part of the day heading to the West saw 6 Right whales in the course of the day.

Lat by Obs 53.29 N

Long by Obs 159.20 W

Friday June 7th

The W. B. Calm and foggy. Latter part strong breeze and clear. Struck a Right whale at 5 AM. Struck and afterwards cut from him.

Remains of the day employed in chasing Whales. Saw two ships. Lat by Obs 53.20 N

Long by Obs 159.48 W

Saturday June 8th

fine weather overcast but somewhat regale. plenty of Right whales in sight. Struck four in the course of the day, cut from two. Irons broke in one, at 8 AM. Struck one and took him to the ship in a thick fog.

Lat by Obs 53.27 N

Long by Obs 159.40 W

Sunday June 9th

Employed cutting at 11 AM finished and made sail. Saw two ships.

Lat by Obs 53.25 N

Long by Obs 159.40 W

Monday June 10th

Calm for the most part of the day. Employed boiling. Struck ship cut downer 10 months out 600 Bbls.

Lat by Obs 53.27 N

Long by Obs 159.40 W

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Tuesday June 11th

Light air from East. Still boiling. Saw four ships in the course of the day, and plenty of Whales but rather regale. did not lower the Boats.

Long by Obs 159.40 W

Lat by Obs 53.19 N

Wednesday June 12th

Strong breeze from East. Employed boiling at 10 PM finished in all 110 Bbls. Struck one Whale. None and stored it below. Six Hands off duty.

Lat by Obs 53.28 N

Long by Obs 159.50 W

Thursday June 13th

Still blowing from S. E. Coopering oil for stowing down below. And stored down 400 Bbls. Making up on Board 367 Bbls this season. Hark back. The Lord help us.

Lat by Obs 53.24 N

Long by Obs 159.55 W

Friday June 14th

Continues blowing fresh from E. S. East and foggy weather heading to the South. Have been in poor green water all day. No Whales off duty with de de de.

Lat by Obs 53.00 N

Long by Obs 160.00 W

Saturday June 15th

Moderate and foggy weather. Spoke Ship George of Stonnington 6 Whales this season. Saw Great many humpbacks very thick water.

Lat by Obs 53.24 N

Long by Obs 159.55 W

Sunday June 16th

Foggy nasty weather heading to S. East. Wind East. Saw ship to leeward. Manoeuvring as if among whales, my officers think it too regale. I think otherwise. But don't like to drive them off after them. Think one volunteer worth a half dozen prepay men. The Lord favor us. Is the Prayer of one.

Lat by Obs 53.15 N

Long by Obs 160.20 W