

1844 Journal of Whale Ship Wm Thompson

Friday June 25th

Strong breeze from South heading to the Westward. Compl. imp. yed setting up Shocks and Serapunt Bone

Lat by Obs 53.52.58

Saturday June 26th

Moderate and foggy weather. Steering S.E. setting up Shocks. Saw 3 Whales in the course of the day. Steaming S.W.

Lat by Obs 53.12.11

Long by Obs 160.38.21

Sunday June 27th

Fresh breeze and foggy weather heading to the S.W. Latter part rainy. Tacked to the S.E.

Lat by Obs 52.36 North

Long by Obs 160.38.12

Monday July 1st

Strong breeze from S.E. heading to the S.E. at 9 AM. Spike Ship Ann. Man. Son of Sagharoz 5 Whales this season the water employed. Barrels to

Lat by Obs 53.20 N

Long by Obs 159.00

Tuesday July 2nd

Fresh Gales from S.E. and South heading to the Westward. Saw many finbacks. Latter part sunny.

Lat by Obs 53.52 N

Long by Obs 160.10 W

Wednesday July 3rd

Cold rainy weather. Wind S.E. heading to South at 11 AM the wind changed to N.W. Latter part of the day steering South raised Whales looked for them the waist Boat. Boat Steerer Ship. Ann. afterwards Starboard boat struck and Iron crew

Lat by Obs 53.02 N

Long by Obs 162.11 W

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Thursday July 4th

Cold nasty rainy weather. Wind from S.E. heading to the Southward. Repairing stove boat. Saw the crew from Pudding and pumpkins. Saw well plenty of cold water to wash it. Grown with the weather. Foreman first Officer lies now up below. Raising his days in gloomy retirement. Regretful of the past and hope less of the future. Poor devil I pity him but cannot help him.

Lat by Obs 52.20 N

Long by Obs 163.05 West

Friday July 5th

Continues thick weather at 5 PM the wind changed to the Westward. Tacked to the Southward. Latter part foggy. Gales Saw Right Whales heading to the Eastward.

Lat by Obs 51.38 N

Long by Obs 162.13 West

Saturday July 6th

Fresh Gales throughout the day. Saw six right whales did not touch the boats. It being to engaged saw ship in chase of Whales. Which afterwards proved to be the Susan of New Bedford. Capt. Howland 32. Months out. Did not understand what quantity of oil he had on board.

Lat by Obs 52.01 N

Long by Obs 161.50 West

Sunday July 7th

Strong Gales from the Westward. Ship Susan in company. Carpenter employed repairing stove boat. Latter part of the day. Moderate at the fore & ship to sails. Saw one Right at Sundown.

Lat by Obs 52.11 North

Long by Obs 161.27 West

Monday July 8th

Moderate breeze and foggy weather. Employed mending boat at 1 PM. Sixteen days since we have got a whale the crew only knows when we shall catch another.

Lat by Obs 51.32 North

Long by Obs 161.30 West