

1844

Journal of Ship Mr. Thompson

Friday July 19th

Fresh Gales from West and squally at 7 P.M. Hove to anchor by for the night. Latter part Calm broke but fore Hold for Shocks saw finbacks

Lat by Obs 51.43 North
Long by Chr 160.45 West

Saturday July 20th

Heavy Gales from East heading North at 11 A.M. the wind changed to S.E. East ship heading East. Lat by Obs 53.00
Long by Chr 161.00 W

Sunday July 21st

Gales from S.E. West Steering E. at East saw finbacks
Lat by Obs 52.20 North
Long by Chr 157.26 West

Monday July 22nd

Strong winds from S.E. West Steering at East saw Great many finbacks Cooper Employed setting up Shocks

Lat by Obs 53.43 N
Long by Chr 155.40 W

Tuesday July 23rd

Strong breeze from S.E. West heading S.E. East Employed setting up Shocks Saw Great many finbacks
Lat by Obs 52.22
Long by Chr 155.04 W

Wednesday July 24th

Moderate throughout the day heading to the S.E. at 10 A.M. saw Right Whales and lowered for them - Could not strike Whales they were going quick to the Westward
Lat by Obs 51.56 N
Long by Chr 154.35 W

Thursday July 25th

Fair weather with a little fog occasionally Chasing the whales afternoon but cannot get near them with the Boats Latter part of the day fresh Gales from South with rain
Lat by Obs 52.20 N
Long by Chr 155.00 West

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Friday July 26th

Gales from S.E. West heading to the S.E. East took in bow boat rove new Davitt falls saw finbacks a few
Lat by Obs 51.46 N
Long by Chr 153.50 W

Saturday July 27th

Part of the day Gales from S.E. West Latter part Moderate and clear weather lowered for Right Whales Struck one and afterwards broke the line at 12 Meridian came on Board
Lat by Obs 51.56 N
Long by Chr 153.20 West

Sunday July 28th

Fine weather at 2 P.M. lowered for Whales Struck one and afterwards took one to the ship saw ship & whistles manoeuvring as by among Whales at 4 P.M. commenced setting at 12 Meridian finished
Lat by Obs 51.50 N
Long by Chr 153.00 W

Monday July 29th

Foggy throughout the day at 5 P.M. began boiling and in the course of the day boiled out 70 Bbls
Lat by Obs 52.06 N
Long by Chr 153.30 W

Tuesday July 30th

Thick fog from South thick fog still boiling the whale and setting up Shocks
Lat by Obs 52.28 N
Long by Chr 153.40 West

Wednesday July 31st

Wind and weather the same as on the preceding day at 6 P.M. finished boiling in all 160 Bbls Struck up deck &c Broke out between decks to make room for Casks &c
Lat by Obs 52.12 N
Long by Chr 153.05 West

Thursday August 1st

Foggy disagreeable weather Employed cooping oil for Stowing below Deck