Journal of Whale Ship Wm. Thompson

Thursday August 1st

Foggy the whole day showed Moore on oil to the amt 127 Bbls Lat 12 Meridian cleared up long enough to see a Right Whale to leward lowered 2 Boats for him but soon afterwards shut in thick so that the Boats had to come on Board

Lat by Obs 52 00
Long by Ext 153. 40 W

Friday August 2d

Rain and fog throughout the day Lying Moderate Easy Sail with fore Sail and Main top sail Cooper Employed repairing Casks Lat by Obs 52 20 N
Long by Ext 153. 30 W

Saturday August 3d

Fogy the whole twenty four hours Lying to under Main top sail Cooper setting up hook Blacksmith at his trade at 3 PM saw Ship close aboard us and in the course of few minutes spoke her, the Benjamin Rush. Capt Bisbee 3 years out Having taken 3 Right whales this season on the Ground

Lat by Ext 51. 50
Long by Ext 153. 00

Sunday August 4th

Very thick all day Wind from S.E. West heading to the Nor West saw 2 Right Whales close to the Ship did not lower the boats on account of the fog

Lat by Ext 51. 55 N
Long by Ext 153, 00 W

Monday August 5th

To day the fog uncommonly thick at 8 PM wore round to the S. East. At the close of day the wind changed to the Westward and cleared up a little set up a few Casks Blacksmith at work — Making Rivets for same

Lat by Ext 51. 40 N
Long by do. 153, 00 West

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Tuesday August 6th

The 1st part of the day foggy. Latter part Clear at 11 AM saw Whales lowered the Boats for one, and afterwards had a fine chance to strike. but lost it by or through the Obstinacy of one of the Officers at 12 Meridian spoke Ship Fanny of Sagharbour 8 Months out 1250 Bbls Capt Edwards came on Board

Lat by Obs 51. 59 N
Long by Ext 153. 00 W

Wednesday August 7th

Fine Weather throughout the day Steering South E. East saw 2 Right Whales but could not get near them with the Boats plenty of Birds about &c Lat by Obs 51. 52 N
Long by Obs 154. 4 W

Thursday August 8th

Fresh breezes from N.West Steering E.S.East at 3 PM raised Whales just as got ready to lower the Boats it shut in thick fog and remained so Rainy the afternoon Greatly to the Mortification of the Officers latter part rainy Weather

Lat by Obs 51. 45 N
Long by Ext 154. 00

Friday August 9th

Charming Weather plenty of Whales in sight lowered and missed one By the Boatsteerer Babbitt lowered again for another and struck and afterwards parted the Line lowered for another but could not strike latter part Calm Lat by Obs 51. 30
Long by Ext 153. 20

Saturday August 10th

Commences fresh breezes from East and Squally Weather Boats off Chasing Whales. cannot get near them with the Boats at 5 PM came on Board wind increasing to a gale at 10 it blew saw Whales to leeward but could not lower the boats for them so Ends

Lat by Obs 51. 09 N
Long by Ext

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