

1844 Journal of Whale Ship Wm Thompson

Sunday August 11th
Fresh Gales from West Latter part Moderate however for whales could not strike as usual whales seen shy and water very clear at noon and from South

Lat by Aut 51.02
Long by Aut 153.00

Monday August 12th
Fresh breezes from South and foggy weather Steering E by South at 9 AM laid to for whales put out took one to the ship Stove Starboard boat at 11 AM took the Starboard boat on Deck Eyes fresh Gales plenty whales in sight Lat by Obs 50.03

Lat by Aut 51.20

Tuesday August 13th
At 2 PM were around and commenced cutting parted the hook lashing first thing lost the head kept until sunset and hauled down for the ship Latter part Heavy Gales from West So ended

Lat by Obs 49.49

Long by Aut 151.20

Wednesday August 14th
Fresh Gales from West and squalls at 2 PM kept the ship off before the wind and commenced cutting at 7 PM finished set the watch and began boiling in all 150 Bbls

Lat by Obs 50.08

Long by Aut 151.50

Thursday August 15th
Moderate and foggy still boiling at 10 AM saw Right whale close to the ship lowered for him but could not get near him at 12 the Boat picked their way through the fog and came to the ship

Lat by Obs 50.10

Long by Aut 151.50

Friday August 16th
Moderate and foggy since 11 AM still boiling at 4 AM finished in all 140 Bbls

Lat by Aut

Long by Aut

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Saturday August 17th
Foggy throughout the day heaving to the S East Stove down 11 Bbl of oil in after and fore hold until 17 PM

Lat by Aut 49.30

Long by Aut 152.10

Sunday August 18th
Fresh breezes from S West and clear weather Steering S East at 11 AM spoke ship at 13 PM (Month) cut 3050 Bound to Sandwich Island Capt Middleton came on board and spent the day together with his boat crew

Lat by Obs 49.49

Long by Aut 154.00

Monday August 19th
Moderate breezes throughout the day Steering S East Stove down our oil in all 50 Bbls cleared up decks and washed off bent fore top mast and M. P. G. Studding Sail now Bound into Port in Good Earnest Got Lunar Obs which made the Long 149.02

Long by Obs 149.28

Lat by Obs 46.07

Tuesday August 20th
Moderate breezes from S West Steering S East at 7 PM set Studding Sails Ship at 10 PM in company have outsailed her 15 Miles during the day and spared her Main Royal Lower Studding Sail and two top Gallant and topmast Sails

Lat by Obs 43.47

Long by Aut 149.00

Wednesday August 21st
Fresh breezes and squally Steering S East Latter clear weather Ship at 11 AM bent Main top Sail, Jib and Spinnaker Got Lunar Obs which made the Longitude 149.28

Long by Obs 149.25

Lat by Obs 41.14

Thursday August 22nd
Fine weather Steering S East Departing fore top Sail and fitting up the Rigging Ship at 11 PM lighted in

Lat by Obs 39.14

Long by Obs 148.39