

1844 Journal of Whale Ship Wm. Thompson

Saturday Nov 30th
 Fine and weather
 as usual, that is very pleasant, saw large
 Breach to day, and then for it, but saw nothing
 of it afterwards
 Lat by Obs 4 35 S
 Long by Chr 157 52 W

Sunday - Monday Dec 1st
 Breeze fresh and weather
 throughout the day heading to the South
 Lat by Obs 5 40 S
 Monday Dec 2nd

Very Pleasant weather
 at 2 PM raised sperm whales at 6 PM took
 two 13th Whales to the ship, at day light
 hooked on & commenced cutting at 8 AM
 finished and made salt
 Lat by Obs 5 58 South
 Long by Chr 157 29 West

Tuesday Dec 3rd
 Moderate throughout
 the day. Employed boiling saw pieces of Sperm
 Got Sperm Obs
 which made
 the Longitude 157 56 West
 Lat by Obs 5 46 South
 Long by Chr 158 12 West

Wednesday Dec 4th
 Breeze from the
 Still Boiling, at 5 PM finished in all 54
 lbs cleared up the main
 Lat by Obs 5 54 South
 Long by Chr 158 10 West

Thursday Dec 5th
 Strong breeze throughout
 about the day heading to the S. E. & E. by
 by all hands
 Lat by Obs 4 20 S
 Long 158 6 W

Friday the 6th
 Strong breeze at 3 PM raised
 16 whales going to the Eastward, however
 the Breeze that could not strike them
 down 40 lbs Sperm oil
 Lat by Obs 4 26 S
 Long by Chr 158 00 W

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Saturday Dec 7th
 Fresh breeze all day
 heading to the Eastward saw Porpoises etc
 Lat by Obs 4 4 S
 Long by Chr 157 50 West

Sunday 8th
 Fine and weather the same
 as on the preceding day heading S. East. Saw
 fin backs and porpoises
 Lat by Obs 5 00 South
 Long by Chr 157 4 West

Monday 9th
 Fine weather all day
 heading to it by West set up fore topmast
 rigging landed the Mison. Must saw many
 Birds around the ship &c &c
 Lat by Obs 4 57 South
 Long by Chr 158 56 West

Tuesday 10th
 Strong breeze and pleasant
 weather heading to the S. East employed painting
 spars
 Lat by Obs 3 48 South
 Long by Chr 158 41 West

Wednesday 11th
 Strong breeze and
 rough weather heading to the Eastward
 employed painting ship
 Lat 4 1 S
 Long by Chr 156 24 W

Thursday 12th
 Strong breeze throughout the
 day at 10 single reefed the topsails employed painting
 Lat by Obs 4 32 South
 Long by Chr 156 07 West

Friday 13th
 Strong breeze heading S. East
 at 9 AM saw Starbuck Island to seaward at noon
 the Island bore N. W. West 12 Miles
 Lat by Obs 5 46 S
 Long by Chr 155 53 West

Saturday 14th
 at 2 PM went in under the
 lee of the Island. Fishing and in the course of day
 procured 50 or 60 at 5 came on board
 Lat by Obs 5 37 Long 156 32 West