

1864 Journal of Whale Ship Wm Thompson

Sunday Dec 13th
Weather more moderate
Steering N.W. at 3 P.M. killed 25 Blk Whales at
4 fowells the Boats and took 25 Blk Whales
to the Ship
Lat by Obs 5-28 S
Long by Chr 156-28 W

Monday Dec 14th
Strong breeze standing
to the North Employed making up 6 Blk finished in all 30 Blk
Cured up Blk all but the main sail but 4 Blk 3.58 South
Long by Chr 156-47 West

Tuesday Dec 15th
Wind and weather the same as on
the preceding day Steering S.W. at 12 M. killed 25 Blk Whales
two of them afterwards, putting the fore topmast spruce
Lat by Obs 5-16 South
Long by Chr 156-37 West

Wednesday Dec 16th
All these twenty four hours strong
breeze from East and clear weather heading to the S.W. at
at daylight took to the North Employed variously
Lat by Obs 5-29 South
Long by Chr 156-22 West

Thursday Dec 17th
Strong breeze throughout
the day heading to the S.W. at 11 M. killed 25 Blk Whales
Employed variously
Lat by Obs 3-54 South
Long by Chr 156-2 West

Friday Dec 18th
Wind and weather the same
as on the preceding day at work about the rigging
Lat by Obs 3-39 S
Long by Chr 156-22 West

Saturday Dec 19th
Nothing on sight all day
heading S.W. Employed variously
Lat by Obs 4-52 S
Long by Chr 156-24

Sunday Dec 20th
Moderate weather throughout
the day Steering S.W. under all sail the weather
and breeze as usual
Lat by Obs 5-49 S
Long by Chr 156-40 W

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Monday Dec 21st
Beautiful weather heading
to the North Cooper's on our way for Hallow's Island
saw a Bone Shark etc. Lat by Obs 5-06 S
Long by Chr 156-50

Tuesday Dec 22nd
Fresh breeze through the day heading
to the North at work about the rigging
Lat by Obs 3-57 North
Long by Chr 157-13 W

Wednesday Dec 23rd
Strong breeze and pleasant
weather heading to the S.W. being Christmas day
killed a Hog and had a fine dinner of him etc.
Lat by Obs 4-44 South
Long by Chr 157-02 West

Thursday Dec 24th
Wind and weather the same
as on 23rd heading to the S.W. Employed variously
Lat by Obs 5-33 North
Long by Chr 157-1 West

Friday Dec 25th
All these twenty four hours
Moderate breeze from East and very fine weather heading
to the North under all sail. Repaired our fluke ropes
Lat by Obs 4-53 South
Long by Chr 157-14 West

Saturday Dec 26th
Moderate breeze through the
day heading to North Employed putting on new Ripping
Lat by Obs 3-12 S
Long by Chr 157-22

Sunday Dec 27th
Fine clear weather
heading to S.W. at 11 M. killed 25 Blk Whales
Whales and lowered for them
Lat by Obs 4-53 S
Long by Chr 157-23 West

Monday Dec 28th
at 1 P.M. struck a 40 Blk Whale
afterwards cut the line while carrying the
back to the ship at 5 came on board
Lat by Obs 4-56 S Long 156-59 West