

1845 Journal of Whale Ship W. Thompson

Tues day May 13th
Light breeze all day looking to the North. No squalls occasionally.
Lat by Obs 52 57 W
Long by Calc 156 30 W

Wednesday May 14th
Light breeze from South steering S. E. Saw ship steering the same lat 4 AM saw two Right whales the boats did not get fast at 7 AM came on board. While pumping ship this morning, received the oil sea keel, lost the hold

Lat by 53.20 N
Long by 157.41 W
Thurs day May 15th
Fresh Gale from East and thick weather. Saw 2 Right Whales latter part of day. Moderate

Lat by 53.53 N
Long 157.56
Friday May 16th
Clear weather. Struck land afterwards broke the horn saw ship to windward

Saturday May 17th
Fine weather for the most part of the day. Lowered for whale could not strike. Spoke back. Able of New Bedford. Capt. Mearns 1400 lbs. Whale oil saw him strike a Right whale and afterwards got loose from him

Sunday May 18th
Begins fresh breeze from S. E. with frequent squalls occasionally heading East saw Right whale going south.

Lat by Obs 53 26 W
Long by Calc 157. 10 W

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Monday May 19th
Wind from S. E. and Rain. Lowered and took a Right whale at 5 hooked on and cut him in. Thick snow storm

Tuesday May 20th
At 4 PM the wind changed to the N. West. Employed Boiling Saw Ship to the Southward latter part clear

Wednesday May 21st
The 1st part Moller ate latter part heavy Gales from E. N. East finished boiling at noon. Saw two ships

Thursday May 22nd
Heavy Gales from E. N. E. at 10 PM the vessel shifted suddenly to S. West. High Craft sea running. Scraped our whale bone

Friday May 23rd
Very fine weather. Stowed down our oil in 108 Bbls. Came up decks and washed off

Saturday May 24th
Moderate breeze from S. East. Torocure, struck and afterwards the Iron crew from a wrecked whale saw two ships in the course of the day

Sunday May 25th
Fresh breeze from S. E. with light rain at 2 PM lowered for whales at 6 PM struck very soon afterwards the whale ran over the boat upsetting her, and mowing John Curtis, and hurting John Thomas, and disabling one or two more. All without striking the boat or losing any thing belonging to her