

1845 Journal of Whale Ship W. Thompson

Sunday May 25th Continued

At 5 P.M. took in the Boat about the same time Capt Penhale of Ship Benjamin Morgan, Boarded us to see and hear what had occurred about Whale Men &c

Lat by Obs 53.10 N
Long by Ch 158.13 W

Monday May 26th

Began moderate from West and very fine weather Steering S.E. lowered for Whales but could not strike. Saw two Ships latter part of the day thick and Rainy Broke out for Beef and Molasses

Lat by Obs 53.26 N
Long by Ch 158.07 W

Tuesday May 27th

Strong breeze from South and hazy weather Steering E & East. Saw finbacks and porpoises

Lat by Obs 53.09 N
Long by Ch 158.55 W

Wednesday May 28th

Fresh Gales from S.E. at 10 P.M. spoke Ship Castellan Bound to the Westward latter part rainy

Lat by Obs 53.49 N
Long by Ch 153.00 W

Thursday May 29th

Commenced heavy Gales from S.W. Steering to center of Cloud. Reaped Main Top Sails. Spilled a great deal of Water.

Lat by Obs 53.54 N
Long by Ch 154.30 W

Friday May 30th

Very fine weather with heavy swell from S.W. at 3 P.M. spoke Ship Elizabeth of Freeport Capt John Giff. 12 Months out 1120 Bbls Whale Oil. at 6 P.M. spoke Ship Governor Kemp. 600. Whales Capt Sylva at present Master Capt Senner having died at Oahu on the 11th of this month latter part chasing Whales at 10 AM struck and afterwards broke the Irons and Eng. back down. Lat by Obs 53.51 N Long 154.20 W

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Saturday May 31st

Fresh breeze from South heading to the Westward Struck two Right Whales, Hauled from one and cut from the other, and a Tost 100 fathoms of line full want of Good Management

Lat by Obs 54.00 N
Long 153.20 W

Sunday June 1st

Rugged weather at 11 P.M. the wind changed to S.W. Struck two Right Whales in light to day. Saw a Bark to windward, called it the Elizabeth of Freeport at Noon More Moderate

Lat by Obs 54.18 N
Long by Ch 153.08 W

Monday June 2nd

Strong breeze from S.W. Cruising for Whales. Saw 2 Ships in the course of the day

Lat by Obs 54.00 N
Long by Ch 152.49 W

Tuesday June 3rd

Fresh Gales from S.E. with heavy rain heading to the Westward. Saw one Right Whale 1/2 way lower the Boat

Lat by Obs 53.49 N
Long by Ch 153.00 W

Wednesday June 4th

Weather getting more moderate but heavy sea running at 4 P.M. lowered for Whales. Could not strike at daylight raised more Whales lowered struck and saw the Irons

Lat by Obs 54.06 N
Long by Ch 152.39 West

Thursday June 5th

Fresh Gales from S.W. at 1 P.M. lowered for Whales Struck one and set him to Spouting Blood, hung on to until nearly sunset. they cut the line and came on Board. Latter part heavy sea running at 10 P.M. spoke Ship Annice of Stonington

Lat by Obs 54.50 N
Long by Ch 152.30 W