

1845 Journal of Ship *Wm. Thompson*

Friday Jan 9th

at day light More Moderate kept the Ship off Cape E set double Reefed topsails
Lat by Obs 48.38 South
Long by Chr 52 44 West

Saturday Jan 10th

More Moderate Set all Sail the wind hauling gradually to the North and Rainy at 6 PM Squally the wind hauling back S.W. Double Reefed the topsails latter part Clear
Lat by Obs 46 24 S
Long by Chr 51. 38 W

Sunday Jan 11th

All this day very fine weather Steering S.W. Borne in on the edge of the Bank to look for a Sperm Whale Saw Great many finbacks
Lat by Obs 44 00 S
Long by Chr 52.25 W

Monday Jan 12th

Fresh breezes throughout the day from East. Steering S.W. by S in Company with several Strips of Green Weather
Lat by Obs 43 00 S
Long by Chr 53. 25 W

Tuesday Jan 13th

All these twenty four hours fresh breezes from East and Cloudy Steering S.W. at 4 PM Squ 3 Right Whales going down to the Eastward lowered the Boats but could not get up with them
Lat by Obs 42.50 S
Long by Chr 54.00 W

Wednesday Jan 14th

Wind S.E. standing in to the North overcast weather Rattling down Main Sea most Riffing
Lat by Obs 41 30 S
Long by Chr 56. 57 W

Thursday Jan 15th

Shore breezes and Riffy weather Breezing to the N.E. Latter part heavy Rain
Lat by Obs 40 45 S
Long by Chr 54.20 W

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Friday Jan 16th

Fresh Gales and Rainy weather at 7 PM the wind changed to the Westward latter part fresh Gales and Cloudy Steering N.E. by N.W. By a glimpse of the Sun over
Lat by Obs 40.45 S
Long by Chr 53 00 W

Saturday Jan 17th

Gales from S.W. Steering N.E. by North, we have sailed all day in Green Water Saw Great many porpoises, Sun fish etc
Lat by Obs 38.44 S
Long by Chr 51. 10 West

Sunday Jan 18th

Weather More Moderate Steering E.S.E. to get out of the Green Water at AM Blue Water again. Latter part of the day Squally Wind S.E. Steering N.E. by N. Great Squall from S.W.
Lat by Obs 37. 54 South
Long by Chr 49. 39 W

Monday Jan 19th

Shore breezes and Squally Steering N.E. by N at 3 PM Spoke Bank Elizabeth of Matt Spence Capt Daffett 18 Months out. did not understand how much oil she had taken wished me to Report them all well Latter part Moderate and fine weather
Lat by Obs 36 02 S
Long by Chr 48 20 West

Tuesday Jan 20th

All these twenty four hours fine weather Steering N.E. at 6 AM Saw several Whales lowered 3 Boat at 12 Meru took a 12 Blk Whale to the Ship
Lat by Obs 34 50 South
Long by Chr 47. 45 West

Wednesday Jan 21st

Beautiful weather hooked on and cut in the whale at 11 Left commenced Boiling Sounded the Bay
Lat by Obs 34. 36 S
Long by Chr 47 50 West

Thursday Jan 22nd

Very fine weather finished Boiling in all 10 Blk. Making now on Board 1100 Sperm and 32 00 Whale oil. Cleared ship's decks and hatches off
Lat by Obs 34. 35 S Long by Chr 47. 50 West