

Ship *Wm. West* on *New Zealand*

Tuesday Jan. 1st A.D. 1856

First part at light breeze from N.E. and pleasant steering S.W. all forenoon at 1 P.M. lowered at 2 the Lar Boat struck & killed a small whale the school went to windward at 4 got a long tide & finished cutting middles and latter at 7 A.M. started the wicks to boil saw nothing the ship by the wind so ends day
Lat. by Obs. 29.31 S
Long by Chron 178.55 E

Wednesday Jan. 2nd

All this day light breeze from N.E. and pleasant weather at 1 P.M. started the wicks to boil saw nothing at 10 A.M. finished & boiling so ends this day
Lat. by Obs. 29.25 S
Long by Chron 174.56 E

Thursday Jan. 3rd

This day light breeze from E. wind steering N.W. all sail out saw nothing so ends this day
Lat. by Obs. 30.15 S
Long by Chron 172.27 E

Friday Jan. 4th

Saturday Jan. 5th

This day light breeze from N.E. and smooth sea steering S.W. all sail out saw nothing so ends this day
No Obs

Sunday Jan. 6th

All this day light breeze from N.E. steering S.W. all sail out at 7 A.M. spoke the Bark *Eliza* of Hobart Town, who had just picked up a large sperm whale 6 m. out 110 sperm so ends this day
Lat. 33.48 S
Long by Chron 170.43 E

Monday Jan. 7th

This day fine breeze from S.E. and pleasant weather steering S.W. at 12 Meris spoke the ship *John A. Robt* 27 m. out 600 m. more sperm boiling a 1st whale saw her pick up the head of the *Eliza* whale which the *J. A. Robt* killed on the 1st. Middle V. latter part, the same so ends day
Lat. by Obs. 34.04 S
Long by Chron 169.11 E

E. R. Askey Master Jan. A.D. 1856

Tuesday Jan. 8th A.D. 1856

Strong S.E. wind and and pleasant weather the ship on the S.W. tack by the wind saw nothing the ship under topsail & courses saw the first finback we have seen since Lat. by Obs. 33.48 S leaving the L. with Islands Long by Chron 167.41 E

Wednesday Jan. 9th

This day stiff breeze from E.S.E. and pleasant weather steering S.W. all the light sail in saw nothing so ends this day Lat. by Obs. 33.03 S Long by Chron 168.05 E

Thursday Jan. 10th

Light winds and calm saw nothing the watches employ in their duties so ends day
Lat. by Obs. 34.04 S
Long by Chron 168.11 E

Friday Jan. 11th

First part light breeze from S. and pleasant weather steering S.W. all sail out middle V. latter part strong breeze from S.W. steering S.W. the lightest sails in saw nothing so ends this day Lat. by Obs. 36.00 S Long by Chron 168.22 E

Saturday Jan. 12th

First part strong breeze from N.W. wind & thick overcast weather steering S.W. the light sail in middle V. latter part light V. calm saw finback so ends this day
No Obs

Sunday Jan. 13th

First part light wind & rain middle part strong wind from S.E. by E steering S.W. the lightest sail in latter part moderate gale ship under 2nd & topsails the wind S.E. by E heading S.W. so ends this day
No Obs

Monday Jan. 14th

First part fresh calm from S.E. and thick rainy weather the ship under 2nd main & sail on the western tack middle V. latter part strong gale from S.W. the ship on the S.W. tack at 10 A.M. moderate a little kee off N.E. under 2nd main & kepted fore topsails & foresail for the three hours so ends day
Lat. by Chron 165.22 E