

Ship Wilmington & Liverpool Packet

Friday April 21st 1843

Begins with light winds from the West. Steer
N. E. wind hauling gradually to the N. E. W.
Opened the stop chest. Watch employed buying
things. Middle part calm and pleasant. Tard
braced sharp up, we head about East. Middle
part light winds, braced around the yard. After
part moderate windy from S. S. E. Steer N. E.
Watch employed ~~buying~~ amending sail. Be

Lat 39.15 North
Long 149.39 East

Saturday 22nd

Commences with moderate gale from S. E.
Steering North East. Wind increasing gradually.
Watch broke out for Molasses. Took in Mizzen
topgallant sail. Close reefed Mizzen topsail.
No Whales yet, and rather cold. Middle part
heavy gale S. E. took in Mizzen topsail. Close
reefed Fore topsail and doubled reefed main
sail. After part gale still increasing we took
in Fore topsail and Fore sail. Kept the N. E. by N.

Lat 41.39 North
Long 152.18 East

Sunday 23rd

Commences with heavy gale from the S. by E.
hauling down the top mast stay sail, clear and
cold. at 4 P.M. kept her N. by W. gale still increasing.
Luffed to the wind on Larboard tack. Lashed the
helm and made all snug for the night. Middle
part moderating very fast. After part clear
pleasant moderate winds, steering by the wind
made all sail. Wind from S. by W.

No Observation

Bound to the N. W. coast of America?

Monday April 24th 1843

Commences with light winds from S. by W. occasional
showers of Rain. Steer on the wind. The reason
of our not proceeding on our course, is on account
of Cold Weather and as it is rather soon for Right
Whales the Captain prefers staying here about
rather than to go up in colder weather. I myself
am of the same opinion, for I think that it is now
cold enough to freeze the d. l. The Right Whale
season commences about June and lasts until
September, when the weather is not suitable
for Whaling on account of Fog and frequent Gale.
It is the opinion of some of our veteran Whalers
that we shall (with common luck) get this ship
full and be on our homeward bound passage
in about 8 months from now. But time will
tell all. If it should be so, how happy I should
be. For Fate has made me what you see, Oh Fate!
But enough of this at present.

After part light winds, it is now very foggy, so
foggy that our mast heads are not shown. We can
not see a half of a ship's length from us. Hump-
Backs in sight close by the ship.

No Observation this day

Tuesday 25th

Commences with foggy and rainy weather. Wind variable
squalls of Rain accompanied with lightning and thunder.
Middle part clear and pleasant. At about 6 A.M. we
were aroused out of our bunks by the joyful sound of
There she Blows! a thick fog coming on presently after
we lost sight of them, and about 10 an hour afterwards
we saw again close along side, we lowered immediately
by, but they got gallied and off they went. came on
board, and got our breakfast and lowered again.
Waist Boat got fast but the Iron drew, came
on board again. Raised more whales off the
beam. Sky sometimes clear and then cloudy.

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