

Ship Wilmington & Liverpool Packet

Wednesday 26th of April 1843

Lowered 3 boats at 4th part 12 for Right Whales
got them galled then came on board, lowered
again at 4th part 12 but with no better luck than
before. Wind from W. by S. Snow fell a little
but of no account. After part moderate winds from
S. Raised Fini Backs.

Lat by Obs 42.30.4

Long by Obs 150.15 East

Thursday 27th 1843

Commences with calm and pleasant weather
Raised Right Whales at 4th part 12 M. Lowered
the boat, but got none, came on board at 4 P.M.
and at 6 P.M. lowered all 4 boats again, but with
no better luck than before. After part moderate
winds, light headwind N.E. Wore ship at 12 o'clock
Raising & Foggy. Lying to under close reefed, main top
sail & F.S.S. No Observation this day

Friday 28th

Commences with foggy & Rainy weather, Wind
light, but a heavy sea on. Wind from N. by East
Raised a right whale close along side. Lying
to under close reefed, main top sail & F.S.S. & Wires
After part gales from S by W. Foggy & Rainy. But clear
enough at 12 M. to get an observation

Lat 42.44 North

Long 150.13 East

Saturday 29th

Commences with gales from S.W. by S. Lying
to under easy sail. Raised Right Whales at
2 P.M. on the bow, it being rough and foggy
middle part foggy. After part clear and cold. At 12 M.
lowered 3 boats for Whales, but got none. At 12 M. came
on board. Wind from N.W.

Lat by Obs 42.50. N

Long by Obs 150.15

Bound to Kamtschatka. Right Whaling

Sunday April 30th 1843

Commences with clear and pleasant weather
Wind moderate from N.W. by N. At 2 P.M.
lowered 3 boats for Whales but got none, came
on board at 4 P.M. got Ki Ki and lowered
again with no better success. Middle and
after part the same. Lowered 3 boats at 4th part
5 A.M. for R. Whales, got none came on board at
8 A.M. got breakfast and lowered again. Whales
blowing all around us. Lar boat darted 2 Irons
but missed him. Too far off and under water
came on board at 10 A.M. Wind increasing we took
in main-topgallant sail, reefed topsails. (Wind from N.W.)

Lat by Obs 42.25 N

Long by Obs 150.44

Monday May 1st 1843

Commences with gales from S.W. by N. gale increasing
we took in Fore & Mizzen topsails and hove her to.
Clear and cold. Wore ship at 4th part 6 P.M. Plenty of
Whales here but they are very wild, more so than
ever I saw whales before. I presume that it is
on account of their just striking on the ground.
But we will give them a shot by and by.
Middle part moderate. After part light winds
from W.N.W. Lowered 3 boats for Right Whales
Bow boat got fast, the whale commenced swim-
ming to the leeward with the velocity of light.
The crew appeared to be in great grief, they
thought they had got him, when all of a sudden
the boat capsized, and turned over. Larboard
Boat picked up the crew. Waist boat gave
chase for the whale, got the line that was
fast to the whale, he run us about 20 miles
and then seemed to be calm, when a mother
whale came up alongside of him which made
him start again first to leeward and then to
windward

Lat 42.17 N

Long 151.37 East

Bow & Waist Boat
Fast