

Right Whaling

Tuesday May 2nd 1843

Commences with calm and pleasant weather. Waist
Boat still fast to the whale, going as if the
devil kicked him, until about 4 P.M. when
we were obliged to cut, and come on board.
Lowered again at 5 o'clock, proved to be Killers.
Middle part wind fresh from S. S. W. Lying to
under double reefed topsails. Fore sail & Jib
After part squally & foggy. Took in topsails to
Fore sail & Jib. Wore ship at 12 M. Right Whales
in sight close alongside.

No Observation this day

Wednesday May 3rd 1843

Commences with foggy & squally weather
wind from S. by W. Lying to under easy sail
Wore ship at 6 P.M. Middle part foggy. After
part clear and after. Wind hauling to the N. by E.
increased to a heavy gale. Squally with passing
clouds. Whales in sight.

No Obs this day

Thursday 4th 1843

Commences with heavy gales from W. N. W.
Wore ship at 1 P.M. now on Starboard tack
Lying to, after part moderate weather. Raised Whales
all round the ship. Lowered 3 boats. Waist boat got
fast. He started and gave us a very pleasant ride
but the iron being put in his neck it drew, so our
ride was finished. came on board at 10 o'clock, more
whales in sight.

Lat 42.13 North
Long 150.45 East

Friday 5th

Commences with moderate winds from N. N. W.
wind gradually increasing. We lowered 3 boats for
the whales, we raised the morning. Starboard
boat got fast, the whale ran to the windward.
Waist boat came up with him and fastened. Wind
increasing to a heavy gale we were obliged to cut
both lines, and came on board at 5 P.M. took in
sail for the night. After part moderate. Raised whales
off the quarter. Wore ship, and at 4 P.M. Lowered 3 boats
but got none, came on board at 4 P.M. at 10 Lowered
again. Whales came up close by Starboard boat. They tried to
ship the iron and away but no use. Lat 42.15

Trying to catch Right Whales

Saturday May 6th 1843

Commences with fresh breezes from W. N. W. took
in main-top gallant sail at 1 P.M. Wore ship at
2 P.M. gale increasing we took in jib and reefed the
sails. Cold and uncomfortable. There seems to be plenty
of whales on this ground, but we have had the luck
of Brown. The whales here would make about 150 or
200 barrels a piece. After part smooth and pleasant. Wind
from W. N. W. Raised Whales Right ahead lowered 3
boats Starboard boat got fast. Starboard boat pulled
up and fastened to the same whale, gave him 3 or 4 lances
when the Starboard boat iron men, presently after
wards the Starboard boat darted the lance in his flank
the lance held on, but left the point sticking, then
which cut the line off, and off the whale went
came on board at 4 P.M. and lowered again at
4 P.M. for more whales but could not get fast
came on board, more whales in sight.

No Obs this day

Sunday 7th

Commences with a cloudy weather Wind from S. by E.
lowered 3 boats for whales but got none, came
on board at 4 P.M. took in fore & main top-
sails and close reefed main topsail. Took in jib.
While we were getting the boats ready to lower. Mr.
S. M. British fell overboard off of the Starboard quarter
we did not discover him until he was about a
ship's length astern. we lowered away the Starboard
boat immediately and succeeded in getting him safe on
board. Middle part After part foggy with heavy
gales from South.

No Obs this day

Monday 8th

Begins with heavy gales from S. Very foggy but some
appearances of clearing up. middle part foggy. After
part rainy and foggy. Wind hauling to N. E.

No Obs this day