

Right Whaling

Wednesday May 17th '43

Begins with pleasant weather Wind from S by E
Lowered at 1 P.M. for the whales that we raised
in the morning. Gallied them and came on
board at 2 P.M. at 3 P.M. raised a whale ahead
lowered 3 boats. Starboard boat fastened to the
whale with 2 Irons. Starboard boat pulled up
and gave him 2 more which made him throw
them blood, and in a few minutes afterwards
we turned him up, took him along side and
let him lie for the night. Commenced cutting
him at 5 A.M. but the wind increasing to
a gale we let him lie. Carpenters employ'd
mending our boats. Wind S.W.

Lat. by Obs 42 40 North

Thursday May 18th

Commenced with moderate gales from S.W. At 2 P.M.
commenced cutting in the whale but gave it up on
account of its being too rough. Wore ship and gave
her the mizen topsail. After part moderate all hands
employed cutting in the whale. Whales in sight close
alongside, but as we were cutting in the whale we
did not lower. Weather moderating very fast.

Lat. by Obs 42 24

Friday May 19th

Commenced with calm and pleasant weather
at 4 part 3 lowered 3 boats for Whales, but they
got gallied on the carcass and away they went.
came on board at 5. Wind hauling to the East and
wore ship at 6 part 5 P.M. After part moderate winds
from E by N. at 5 P.M. lowered 3 boats for whales. Star-
board boat fastened. Waist boat pulled up and was going
to fasten when the whale went down under the
boat and stove her with his small. We then fastened
but her line getting foul with the starboard boat she
cut presently afterwards the Lar. boat shot warp part
and the whale went to windward came on board at 7
and at 8 part 8 lowered again, gallied them came on
board lowered at 10 again but with no better success
More whales in sight off Lar beam. No Obs this day

Nelson's Right Whaling

Saturday May 20th 1843

Commenced with light winds from E by N. Lowered
3 boats for the whales that we raised in the
morning. Starboard boat with the Waist boats
crew got fast. Lar. boat pulled up and fastened
to the same whale. The whale killed and ran
his head against the boat and nearly capsized
her, and stove her a little, he cut his line. Bow
boat then pulled up and fastened. Lar. boat
started to go aboard but finding she did
not leak any came back, and by that time the
whale was turned up, took him along side at
6 P.M. commenced cutting in, but night coming
on we gave it up till morning. Middle part
foggy. Watch employed boiling oil. After part
all hands employed cutting oil. Wind from
N. N. W.

Lat 42 25 N
Long 150 21 E

Sunday 21st 1843

Commenced with pleasant weather wind from
W. by N. Wore ship at 2 P.M. All hands employed
boiling, clearing away the head & middle part
foggy. Wind moderate. After part foggy with moderate
gale from W. Wore ship at 5 P.M. Whales in sight
close alongside. No Obs. this day

Monday 22nd '43

Commenced with light winds from S by W.
Wore ship at 5 P.M. Watch employ'd boiling oil.
After part foggy with light from S. S. W. Watch
employ'd boiling oil. Wore ship at 7 A.M.

No Observation this day