

Right Whaling

Tuesday May 23rd 1843

Commences with foggy and wet weather. Wind from S. by E. Watch employed boiling. Finished at 5 P.M. The ship at 5 A.M. All hands employed stowing down Oil in the main hatchway.

No Observation this day

Wednesday May 24th 43

Commences with foggy and disagreeable weather. Wind from S. All hands employed stowing down Oil. After part calm, clear and pleasant. Wind hauling to the westward. Squared the yards and kept her E. luffed to at 12 M. Thompson in sight.

Lat. by Obs 42.38 N
Long. by Chron 150.00 E

Thursday 25th 1843

Commences with calm and pleasant weather. Watch employed scraping down. Wind from S. by E. Took in sail at sundown. Middle part rainy. After part moderate winds and foggy.

No Obs this day

Friday 26th

Commences with foggy and cold weather. Wind from W. by N. Middle part clear with heavy gales. After part cloudy gale increasing. Whales in sight close by the ship.

No Obs this day

Saturday 27

Commences with cloudy weather and light winds. Lowered 3 boats for whales but got none. Came on board at 4 P.M. After part calm and rainy.

No Obs this day

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Sunday May 28th 1843

Commences with gales from S. by E. Steering N. E. by N. by compass. Raining and foggy. Brought to the N. E. by E. to get out of this foggy and rainy and disagreeable weather. Shortened sail at sundown and luffed to. Wind hauled to the E. by N. Middle part foggy. After part calm clear and then foggy. Ship heading N. E. by E. by compass. Whales in sight about 1/2 mile off.

No Obs this day

Monday 29th 43

Commences with calm and pleasant weather. Occasional squall of fog. Ship heading E. N. E. on Starboard tack. Commenced standing by the watches. I am at present in good cheer, but troubled considerable with the Chilblands, which keeps me from the arms of Morpheus rather more than I should wish for. Steering by compass N. E. by N. After part light winds and foggy.

No Obs this day

Tuesday May 30th 1843

Commences with calm and cloudy weather. Steering N. E. by N. by compass. Wind from S. by E. At 1 P.M. raised whales off the beam about 1/2 mile off. Backed the main yard and lowered 3 boats for him. Main boat fastened with two Droggs, presently afterwards the bow boat fastened and then the larboard boat pulled up and she fastened, the three boats being fast, the whale commenced rolling about and fighting tremendously. Larboard boat got a set on him but it was too high up. Presently afterwards all three lines got foul under the head of the larboard boat and as it was impossible to clear them. Main boat cut and in a short time afterwards the other two got loose, we then pulled after the whale. He commenced running, and after pulling about 15 minutes as hard as we could bow boat had a chance, started, was too far off. He succeeded in getting the main boat line.