

Right Whaling?

Tuesday May 30th '43 (continued)

which was attached to the whale, we took it and bent it on the waist boat line. The whale then starting to the windward the other boat after him but could not get fast. We speared him and lanced him but it was of no use, he was bound off the ship being out of sight and nearly sundown, we cut from him, after using up 2 lances and losing two Irons, set our sail and started to find the ship. Thuck a light and had a smoke of the pipe, presently we saw the ship, got aboard at 4 past 6 P.M. and not one bent the better off. Wore ship at 7 P.M. and kept her N.E. by N. Middle part moderate winds and cloudy, after part rainy, cloudy and thick, saw Whales off lee beam supposed them to be right whales, but could not tell, too thick to lower.

No Observation this day

Wednesday 31st '43

Commenced with thick and cloudy weather. Wind from E.N.E. Wore ship at 4 P.M. Whales in sight off lee bow. Wore ship at 7 P.M. We are bound off some where's but I don't know where for we keep moving about so that it is almost impossible to keep run of the ship. Middle and after part much the same. At noon got an observation. Tacked ship at 12 m.

Lat by Obs 44.21. N

Thursday June 1st

All these 24 hours light winds from the East. Tacked ship at 7 P.M. and 6 A.M. cloudy and smooth

Lat by Obs 45.20 N
Long " 151.12 East

Bound to the N. E.

Friday June 2nd 1843

Begins with calm and pleasant weather. Ship heads about N by W. Sounded and got 180 fathoms of Water. Middle part light wind with all sail set to catch the breeze. Raining and foggy. After part cloudy with moderate winds. Tacked at 7 A.M. ship heads about East. Wind increasing.

No Obs this day

Saturday 3rd 1843.

Commenced with moderate gales from N.N.E. gale increasing, at 3 P.M. took in Mizzen top-gallant sail. Tacked ship at 4 P.M. and at 5 P.M. at 4 past 5 took in Main top-gallant sail. Cloudy and cold. Middle and after part much the same. Tuck her the Main top-gallant sail.

No Observation this day

Sunday June 4th '43

Commences with strong breeze from the N.N.E. steering on the wind. Cloudy and cold. at 4 P.M. saw whales off lee beam at 6 P.M. saw more whales off lee beam. Well let them stay. here we will give them a peck by and by. One man sick. Middle part wind hailing to the North West. kept her N.E. by N. After part moderate winds from N.W. Luffed to the wind at 8 A.M. In Back close under our stern. It is quite different weather here than it is in States. Ship heads at 12 m. N by E. on Starboard tack

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Lat by Obs 45.54 N
Long by Obs 151.53 E.