

Bound to Japan Sperm Whaling!!!!

Monday July 10th 1843

All these 24 hours Calm and Foggy. Charles Johnson entered as steward, in the place of Dirty Mitchell a native of St Helena, who capt place gave him his walking stick on account of his being so very dirty. Charles Johnson or Carl Jonson is a native of Denmark but speaks the English language very fluently. I should think he is about 54 years of age. But he is very active, as much so as any boy on board. He seems to be a man every inch of him, (vulgarily speaking) Found a hair in a piece of Sash Tack, about 6 inches long with 3 nits attached to it. Oh Glue Pot!!! After part much the same.

No Ob this day.

Tuesday July 11th 1843

Commences with calm and pleasant weather. The Sun shone at intervals. Steering or keeping her S by E. Middle part light winds from N by E. Yesterday Otis Tripp had orders to head the Bow Boat in the place of J. Baker, who thinks he is not in a fit state of health to be Headman. Baker will now steer the Starboard Boat. After part light winds from N. steering E by E with all sail set to catch the breeze. Sun Backs in sight. Watch employ'd about the rigging &c. No Ob this day.

Wednesday July 12th 1843

Commences with light breeze from N. Watch employ'd rigging a new Martingale. Middle part Calm and Cloudy. After part much much the same. Employ'd sending out Flying-Gibb Boom. Lat by Obs 38.58 N.

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Thursday July 13th 1843

Commences with Calm Clear and pleasant weather. Lowered Starboard boat for a turtle but could not see him, so we thought that we would get a Porpoise, there being plenty of them close by. Chased them about an hour and then gave up the chase. Started to come on board, saw a Sun Fish stuck and killed him. Bow Boat lowered after another Turtle but did not get him. After part light winds from S. Watch employ'd stowing down the remainder of Right Whale Oil. No Ob this day.

Friday July 14th 1843

Commences with light winds from East. Steering to the Southward. After part Calm and pleasant. Lowered 4 Boats for Black fish. Stuck & killed 4 Black fish. Lar Boat waifs one and he sunk with waifs. Dug, at 12 took 5 along side. No Ob this day.

Saturday July 15th 1843

Commences with Calm, Warm and pleasant weather. Ship heading S. by E. with Square Sails. Employ'd clearing away the Black-fish. After part much the same in respect to weather. Watch employ'd cleaning quarter boats. Bunching Bone. Res. Lat by Obs 32.53 N. Long by Chron. 176.55 E.

Sunday July 16th 1843

Commences with Calm and pleasant weather. Black fish, Porpoises, and Grampuses in sight. After part Calm. Lat by Obs 32.46 North