

Sperm Whaling on Japan !!!

Monday Sept 4th 1843

Commences with light winds from E by S. All hands employed cutting in the whale. G. sails in sight at 11 o'clock. At 12 o'clock the Benj. Rush was within a half of a mile of us to leeward. We kept off so as to keep the channel. At 1 P.M. raised a sail on our lee bow, standing to the Northward. Pleasant weather and smooth. Employed Boiling Oil &c.

Lat by Obs 30.21 N
Long by Obs 179.07 W

Tuesday Sept 5th 1843

Commences with light airy and pleasant weather. We are overhauling that ship ahead very fast. Watch employed Boiling. After part calm and pleasant. Clifford Wayne close along side, at 10 he lowered his boat and came on board. She is 29 months out 1400 barrels of sperm oil. Capt Cromwell.

Lat by Obs 30.58.7

Wednesday Sept 6th 1843

Commences with calm and pleasant weather. All hands Boiling. Capt of the C. Wayne still on board. Raised a sail on our weather beam. Parted company with the C. W. at 2 P.M. After part light winds from W. Squared the Land and kept her E. at 7 A.M. raised Fin tracks, at 9 A.M. kept her E. S. E.

Lat by Obs 30.36.7

Thursday Sept 7th 1843

All these 24 hours calm and pleasant. Nothing in sight of any consequence. Ship Heady East.

Lat by Obs 30.30 N
Long by Obs 179.34 W

Cruising on Japan for Sperm Whales

Friday Sept 8th 1843

Commences with light winds from W. Steering East by Compass at 7 P.M. braced up the yards and luffed to the wind. Ship heading S. S. W. At daylight raised 2 sails on our lee beam & Miles off standing to the Northward and Eastward. All hands employed stowing down Oil in the after Hatchway. Nothing in sight of the whale kind.

Lat by Obs 29.58 With

Saturday Sept 9th 1843

Commences with squally weather with rain. All hands employed stowing down Oil. Wore ship at 12. Ship heading E. N. E. Moderate breezes. Nothing in sight of any consequence. Shall well thank the Father of all Mercies. Middle and after part squally. Wind from S. S. W. Steering Full and By.

Lat by Obs 30.25 N
Long by Obs 178.53 W

Sunday Sept 10th 1843

Commences with squally from S. S. W. at 6 P.M. double reefed main topsail single reefed fore topsail. After part light winds from S by W.

Lat by Obs 30.26
Long by Obs 178.53 W

Sunday Sept 10th 1843

Commences with calm and pleasant weather. Ship heading on a starboard tack E by N. After part moderate breezes from S by E. Steering full and By.

Lat by Obs 30.32 N
Long by Obs 176.40