

Ship Young Phoenix Indian Ocean

Remarks on Board Wednesday May 17th 1839

Commences blowing a heavy gale from N.W. laying
laying under a close reefed main topsail & main spinnace
at 1 P.M. got up a new fore yard & set close reefed topsail
& bent a nether fore sail & reefed & set it headed up
N.W. by N wind hauled to the E. till the barometer
rising a little at 4 P.M. left of N. I made sail at 5
A.M. all sail out steering sail down & aloft at 9 A.M.
steered N by E moderate breeze with a heavy swell from
the S.W. at 9 A.M. saw a shoal of whales at 10 A.M. hauled
struck 3 whales & got 2 whales going quick to the 9th & 10th
so ends

Lat 30.31 S
Long 109.28 E

Remarks on Board Thursday May 18th

at 6 got both whales to the ship took in sail & set the watch
Middle part light breeze & overcast weather wind from
S.W. Barometer at 30 inches & 11 hundredths at day light
call all hands & hook on at 10 A.M. got the body of one in
& cut up & in the blubber room & got dinner & hook on the
other so goes this 24 hours

Lat 30.09 S
Long 110.19 E

Remarks on Board Friday May 19th

breeze on from West got in the bodies & air head
set the watch laying under close reefed main topsails
Barometer at 30 inches Middle part employed clear the deck
at daylight call all hands & hook on to the head & set the
works again at 8 A.M. finish & set the fore sail headed up
West so goes this 24 hours

Lat 30.00
Long 110.15 E

Remarks on Board Saturday May 20th

First part light breeze from South with overcast weather
Barometer at 30 inches employed clearing the deck 30 & 30 Middle
Weather much the same Latter part strong breeze
from S.W. at 8 A.M. weered ship to the E. with fore
topsail & jib set fore back so ends

Lat 29.45
Long 110.10 E

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Remarks on Board Sunday May 21st

Commences with gentle breeze from S.W. fine weather
steering to the E. & at 8 P.M. weered ship & took in jib & fore
topsail Barometer at 30 inches Middle part the same Latter
part strong breeze from S.W. steering to it under close
reefed topsail at 10 A.M. saw a shoal of whales at meridian
spoke here the American of No Bedford 19 months out with 2100
so goes this 24 hours

Lat 29.30
Long 109.45 E

Remarks on Board Monday May 22nd

First part strong breeze from S.W. overcast steering
to the East under short sail in company with the American
at 11 P.M. finish boiling Middle part strong breeze
Latter part moderate steering to the E. & in company with
the American Barometer at 30 inches saw 4 finbacks so goes this 24
hours

Lat 29.25 S
Long 110.11 E

Remarks on Board Tuesday May 23rd 1839

This day attended with fresh gales from S.E. steering E.N.E.
under short sail Barometer at 30 inches Middle part moderate
Latter part call all hands & commences breaking out at sunrise
saw a breach to windward made sail room saw the whales
spout Capt Gifford lowered struck one & lost a line we
lowered but could not get near the whales going quick to the
N.W. at 11 P.M. Capt Gifford lowered again & fasten
& got one so goes this day

Lat 28.58
Long 110.15 E

Remarks on Board Wednesday May 24th

standing to East & steering down strong breeze & with
popping clouds at 8 P.M. saw whales at 9 P.M. & struck
& got one boat cut in two but same kept at 8 P.M. took him
to the ship Barometer falls 11 hundredths Middle part employed
setting down the oil between decks & daylight call all hands & hook
one at meridian got his head & body in

Lat 28.44
Long 110.30 E