

Ship George in the Pacific Ocean, a Whaling.

Thursday April 18 1833. Light winds, a smooth sea and fine pleasant weather. Put up two Royal and 3/4 sail and, set the latter. Also sent up three Royal Mast. All hands employed painting ship outside. Saw the appearance of land to the westward which I judge to be clouds hanging over the island of Juan Fernandez.
True Course N 82° E Lat Obs 34° 57' Long 79° 20' W
Friday April 19th. Light breeze and comfortable pleasant weather. All hands employed painting ship. One at the Mast heads looking out for Whales. Long from dawn 75° 25'
True Course N 80° E Lat Obs 33° 36' Long 77° 42' W
Saturday April 20th. Light westerly winds & warm pleasant weather. All hands employed scraping, planing and varnishing the Mast on the larboard side. Long from dawn 74° 38'
True Course N 80° E Lat Obs 32° 57' Long 76° 55' W
Sunday April 21st. Light winds and pleasant weather. Four months have passed away since leaving the shore of North America, and have got no Whales but now anxiously look for them. Longitude from Luna 73° 11'
True Course N 87° E Lat Obs 33° 50' Long 75° 38' W
Monday April 22nd. Light winds and calm & pleasant weather. At Lunger saw the land to the Eastward. At 8 A.M. the boats were manned & exercised. Saw two sail to the S.E. Long from Lunger 72° 11'
True Course N 86° E Lat Obs 33° 04' Long 74° 28' W
Scraped, planed & varnished the mast on the Starboard side.
Tuesday April 23rd. Light winds and calm & pleasant weather the first part. Middle & latter part light breezes & thick foggy weather. Saw 2 sail to the S.E.
True Course S 84° E Lat Obs 33° 00' Long 73° 45' W
Wednesday April 24th. First part light breezes and thick foggy weather. Stead to the Eastward till 6 P.M. when unboard the surf breakers on the shore. Tacked & stood off. Saw a ship bearing N.W. about 5 miles distant at dark. Saw several Finback & Humpback Whales. Lat Obs 33° 10' Long 73° 20' W

Ship George cruising for Whales in the Pacific Ocean.

Thursday April 25 1833. Light variable winds & calms. Lay Daniel Finback Whales & schools of Porpoises. One sail in sight to the S.E. All hands employed in various jobs in the forenoon and one watch below in the afternoon.
True Course N 86° W Lat Obs 32° 48' Long 74° 10' W
Friday April 26 1833. First part light breezes from S.W. and passing clouds. Middle part gentle gales from S.E. Sailed at 1 P.M. & 1 P.M. steering sails to the S.W. steering sails set on the larboard side. People variously employed.
True Course N 74° W Lat Obs 30° 57' Long 76° 31' W
Saturday April 27th. Moderate breezes and pleasant weather. At 6 P.M. spoke and boarded a Chilean Schooner from Copiapo for Valparaiso. Crew variously employed. Stowed the standing water butts in the Stowage.
True Course N 64° W Lat 28° 36' Longitude 77° 01' W
At 4 P.M. took a Lunar Observation and the Longitude deduced therefrom was 77° 11'. Steered North the remainder of the day.
Sunday April 28th. Commenced light winds & calms. At 2 P.M. saw a number of sperm whales. Lowered all the boats in pursuit but did not succeed in getting any. At sundown hoisted up the boats. Set Boats crew watching. We are now on Whaling water, and cruise in every direction of the compass as circumstances require. It is therefore almost impossible to keep a correct dead reckoning. I shall therefore put down the supposed Longitude daily, and depend upon Lunar observations when obtained. Lay too during the night with light breezes. Latter part moderate and pleasant.
Lat Obs 28° 19' Long 76° 40' W
Monday April 29th. Fine pleasant weather. Putting every thing prepared for whaling. Lat Obs 26° 15' S Long 75° 50' W
Tuesday April 30th. Fine weather. Whole topsails & Mast 1/2 sail set in the day time and at night under short sail or by with the main top sail at back. Lat Obs 24° 55' S Long 75° 15' W