

## Journal of the Barque Hector

July 20 1843 Thursday morning commenced with strong winds from the Eastward steering on the wind we raised 3 sails in the afternoon they ran down for us and we spoke the Ship Japan of Nantucket 23 months out skinned barrels and our Captain went on board and staid till partook and then came on board and sailed away Latitude 29-40 N.

July 21 Friday morning commenced with a gale off wind from the Eastward steering on the wind in the afternoon the wind still blowing a gale accompanied with squalls of rain at 7 pm we furl'd the foretop sail Latitude 29-22 N.

July 22 Saturday morning commenced with the wind still blowing a gale from the Eastward standing to the southward with double reef maintop sail and furl'd in the afternoon the weather still the same with a heavy sea running Latitude 28-50 N.

July 23 Sunday morning commenced with the still blowing a gale from the Eastward standing to the northward we set the foretop sail we saw a fin back appearing in the afternoon we raised 3 sails off our lee bow we set the maintop at 7 pm we shortened sail.

July 24 Monday morning commenced with light winds from the Eastward steering to the north till 11 pm and then we more ship heading S. E. & we raised a sail right a head and she went to windward of us about 5 miles off there was a Barque heading to the Southward we made all sail in the afternoon the weather fine and pleasant with a good breeze Latitude to day.

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July 25 1843 Tuesday morning commenced with light wind from the N.E. steering S. E. & with all sail at 6 pm we raised a sail off our lee bow we saw plenty of fin back whales in the afternoon we furl'd the topgallant sail.

July 26 Wednesday morning commenced with light winds from the Eastward steering to the Southward and Eastward with all sail and two sails in sight at 7 pm we took in the topgallant sail.

July 27 Thursday commenced with light winds from the Eastward steering S. E. with all sail at 4 pm we raised a dead whale of our lee bow and kept the ship off for him and lowered down one of the boat and the Captain went along side off him the suppose it to be dead about 3 weeks and it is good for nothing about one hundred barrel whale it was burst with a sail in sight in the afternoon we raised a school off sperm whales and lowered down the boat and the larboard boat got fast and the line parted and we lost him and came on board and shortened sail with four sails in sight one trying out Latitude 29-49 N. Longitude 17-22 East.

July 28 Friday morning commenced with a light breeze from the Eastward steering S. E. with all sail set and 3 sails in sight one of the ship cutting in a whale in the afternoon we spoke the Barque Myrina 17 months out 7 hundred and the Captain went on board and staid till then down.

July 29 Saturday morning commenced with a light breeze from the Eastward steering to the N.E. with all sail and 6 sails in sight 3 off then trying out in the afternoon we raised a sail off our lee bow at 7 pm we shortened sail Latitude 30-17 N.