

Journal

Friday 8 May 1846

First part blowing heavy from the south middle and latter part light air with rain spoke the ship Sabina and the ship Jonas saw the Sabina chase a whale also the Jonas got one we saw nothing great our luck still bound to the S.W. four sails in sight

Lat 42 10 Long 155 25

Saturday 9 May

First part strong breezes middle and latter part light air from the S.E. with light rain middle part foggy no whales now when we have fine weather just as it has been with us the whole voyage I pray to God Almighty that he will only let me off this infernal voyage

Lat 42 50 Long 155 40

Sunday 10 May

Light air from the South and East with light rain no whales to be seen got in amongst the cursed thick water and five barks spoke the ship Mentor of N.L. 700 bbs 10 months out still going to the West

Lat 43 30 Long 155 00

Monday 11 May

First part light air from the S.E. with rain middle and latter parts blowing strong from the West at 6 A.M. raised one whale lowered without success saw two ships one standing south the other standing North

Lat 43 34 Long 155 47

Tuesday 12 May

Strong breezes through the first and middle parts latter light breezes and pleasant weather at 3 P.M. lowered after one whale could not strike him at 10 P.M. lowered three boats after three whales as wild as the very devil

Lat 43 20 Long 155 10

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Wednesday 13 May 1846

Light breezes in the first part with heavy rain middle blowing a strong gale from the N.W. latter part more moderate but an ugly swell running at 5 P.M. lowered two boats after one whale humbugged him and lost him at 9 A.M. at 1 P.M. lowered after one whale never saw him again had a row on board about lowering in a gale of wind and about not having enough to catch two sails in sight

Lat 43 5 Long 155 25

Thursday 14 May

Pleasant beautiful weather spoke the ship Ontario. S.H. 1 whale George of Haver the sunk one whale to day at 9 A.M. lowered after whales found them hump backs saw a great many whales to the North East of us a long way off in shape to lower after them before long

Lat 43 20 Long 156 27

Friday 15 May

Beautiful weather lowered all four boats after several whales but could not strike chased to dark at 6 P.M. lowered three boats after three whales but could not get near them at 11 P.M. lowered two boats after one whale found him as wild as the rest we have chased one sail in sight

Lat 43 30 Long 156 0

Saturday 16 May

Pleasant breezes from the Eastward with overcast sky at 5 P.M. lowered two boats after one whale very wild without success at 7 P.M. spoke the ship Ontario had sunk one whale latter part blowing strong gale with thick fog

Lat 43 55 Long 157 50