

Journal kept on board ship American of Fair

Monday May 6 1844

Light wind from the Southward steering N by E
broke out for shoals and commenced setting them
up Scraped our bone and stowed away Sowerel
for Whales but did not get on

Lat 37:57 Long

Tuesday May 7

Moderate gales from the S W steering N E under
all sail Employed in setting up shoals and
mending the Waist boat

Wednesday May 8

Fresh gales from the Northward heading by the
the wind to the Eastward at 12 P.M. double
reefed the topsails Employed in mending
the Waist boat the Cooper setting up shoals

Lat by Obs 40:08 Long 178:35 W

Thursday May 9

Fresh gales from the Eastward steering by
the wind under double reefed topsails Emp
loyed mending the Waist boat at 12 noon parted
Gib Strong Lat 39:16 Long 177:15

Friday May 10

Heavy gales from the Eastward at 12 hours to
the Southward at 2 P.M. kept her N E under close
reefed topsails rising and foggy

Saturday May 11

Fresh breeze from the S W steering N E
under all sail Employed in mending the
Waist boat Lat 40:32 Long 174:32 W

Monday May 12 1844

Fresh gales from the S W steering N E under all
sail Fog and rain Lat 41:07 Long 171:28

Tuesday May 13

Fresh gales from the Westward steering N E by E
under double reefed topsails saw a Right Whale
Lat by Obs 43:01 Long by Chro 168:28 W

Wednesday May 14

Fresh gales from the S W steering N E under
double reefed topsails until daylight when we shook
out the reefs and set the main top gallant sail
Unbent the Foresail, repaired and bent in again
Lat by Obs 43:58 Long by Chro 173:33 W

Thursday May 15

Fresh gales from the N W steering N N E under double
reefed topsails Lat 44:55 Long 163:41 W

Friday May 16

Fresh breeze from the N W with squalls of wind
steering N E at sunset shortened sail for the night
Lat by Obs 46:00 N Long 16

Saturday May 17

Fresh gales from the West at daylight Closed reefed
the main topsail and put out the Foresail at 1 P.M.
kept her off East Lat 46:53 N