

Journal of a Whaling Voyage kept on board Ship

September Thursday 29 1842
Fresh breezes from the Westward steering by the
and E N E commenced stowing away our oil
at 3 1/2 PM raised Sperm Whales and lowered
the boats for them the starboard boat darted
and missed, and fastened to another and drew
get nothing Lat 00:47 North Long 161:55 East

Friday September 30
Fresh breezes from the Westward steering
E N E and N E finished stowing down our
oil to day 60 Bls Lat 01:00 N Long 162:58

Saturday October 1
Light winds from the N to S E steering S E
and N N E first part raining later part fair
Saw Finbacks Lat 01:34 N Long 163:45 East

Sunday October 2
Light winds from the E N E steering by the
wind to the Northward saw nothing
Lat by Obs 02:30 Long by Chron 163:45

Monday October 3
Light winds from the Eastward steering North
at 10 AM raised Sperm Whales and had
of all 4 boats the starboard boat got one
look him along side and got him cut in
at 4 PM Lat 03:52 Long 163:43

Sharon of Fair Haven Capt Norris cruising on the

Tuesday October 4
Fresh breezes from E to W steering North with
rain, trying out at 8 AM Raised Sperm Whales
and lowered 4 boats the starboard boat fastened
and drew the starboard missed 1 Whale fastened
to another and saved him. The starboard boat got it
took them along side and cut them in got them
cut in at sunset at 5 PM raised Strong's Island
bearing North Lat 04:30 Long 163:40

Wednesday October 5
Light wind and variable steering in for Strong's
Island it bearing to the N W at sunset took in
sail Boiled out our blubber to day
Lat by Obs 04:36 North Long 163:33 East

Thursday October 6
These 24 hours variable winds ran down to the N E
of Strong's Island and several canoes came off
with messengers from their King for the ship to
come to an anchor as there were plenty of recruits
This Island is high and covered with wood and most
of the natives speak some English so

Friday October 7
Pleasant breezes from the South steering W by S
stowed down our oil 50 Bls at sunset took in sail
Saw land Asterion Strong's Island Lat 05:35 N Long 162:00

Saturday October 8
Light winds from the Westward steering
by the wind at 8 PM saw land supposed to be
the same as the last day Lat 06:00 N Long 161:10