

New Holland Dec. 1843

Sunday Dec 24th
All these 24 hours Strong Winds
From the WNW And thick
Fog With fine Rain carrying
Double Reefed topsails Saw Several
Fin Back Whales So Ends this
Day Lat 43° 50' South

Monday Dec 25th
First Part of this Day Strong
Winds from the WNW With
thick fog And rain at 5 P.M.
Saw A White Whale lowered
Two Boats but it was too
thick to keep run of him hoisted
up the boats middle Part thick fog
And Rainy at 10 A.M. let up
Saw A White Whale lowered
Two Boats but did not get into
Came on board Strong gales
from the N.W. So Ends this
Day Lat No Obs this Day

Tuesday Dec 26th
First Part of this Day Strong gales
from the N.W. and thick Weather
middle Part heavy gales from
the N.W. With Squalls of rain and
Snow! Close Reefed the main
Topsail and furled the foresail
Latter Part heavy gales from
the WNW Laying too under
Close Reefed main topsail and
Spencer saw a great Number
of Fin Back Whales So Ends
Lat 44° 21' South

Wednesday Dec 27th
First Part of this Day Strong gales
from the WNW middle Part
Strong gales from the N.W. and
thick rainy Weather Latter Part
Strong gales And passing
Clouds Laying too So Ends
Lat 43° 56' South
Lon 120° 30' East

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Thursday Dec 28th
All these 24 hours Strong gales from
the WNW And passing Clouds Laying
too Saw one Ship Laying too under
Close Reefed main topsail leading
to the Northward So Ends this Day
Lat 44° 38' South

Friday Dec 29th
All these 24 hours Strong gales from
the Westward Laying too one Ship in
sight under Short sail So Ends
Lat 44° 03' South
Lon by Chron 121° 09' East

Saturday Dec 30th
First And middle Parts Strong gales
from the Westward With Squalls of rain
Latter Part more moderate Shook the
Reefs out of the topsails Squalls of rain
And hail every 15 minutes Saw Several
Fin Back Whales but no White
At 10 A.M. spoke the French
Ship Angelina of Harbor four Whale
six months out So Ends this
Day Lat 43° 39' South

Sunday Dec 31st
First Part of this Day Strong wind
from the Westward With Squalls
of rain Saw several Fin Back
Whales mid and latter parts Strong
Gales from the N.W. With rainy Weather
And thick fog Laying too under
Close reefed main topsail So Ends
this Day No Obs

Monday Jan 1st
First Part of this Day Strong gales from
the N.W. middle Part more moderate
Latter Part Pleasant Weather Steering
to the Eastward With all sail set
to the Best Advantage at 7 A.M.
spoke the Crown of Sag Harbor
6 months out 800 lbs of oil Saw
Several Fin Backs but No White Whale
So Ends Gaming With the crew Jan 1st