

Board to the Northward 1844

Monday May 5<sup>th</sup>

First Part of this Day Calm middle  
part light airs from the NE & latter  
part Calm saw several Grampuses but  
No Whales No Ice. This Day men  
Employed in Ship's Duty

Late Obs 47° 58' North

Tuesday May 7<sup>th</sup>

First Part of this Day Light winds  
from the Southward Steering N by W  
Sett the Studingsails middle Part Strong  
Winds and thick Weather latter Part  
Thick Rainey Weather blowing fresh  
With a Cross Sea on men Employed  
in unbending the New foresail and  
fore topsail and bent the old ones  
took in the Studingsails at meridian  
So End this Day No Obs

Wednesday May 8<sup>th</sup>

These 24 hours Commences With Strong  
winds from the NW Steering N by W  
With thick Rainey Weather latter part  
moderate Wind NW with a thick  
fog Steering NE by W at 11 A.M.  
the fog cleared up and saw one  
fin Back Whale and Tailed at two  
Late Obs 52° 11' North

Thursday May 9<sup>th</sup>

First Part of this Day light winds  
from the NW & hazy Weather Steering  
NE by W at 1 A.M. near a White  
Whale lowered all three boats but  
did not get fast at 4 P.M. the  
boats came on board that in  
fog with fine rain took in all  
Chail but the foresail and  
Double reefed main topsail Steer  
N by W middle Part Rainey Strong Southerly  
Winds at 12 O'Clock at Night have to head  
to the westward latter Part Strong gales from  
NW Laying too so End Late Obs 63° 08' Lon 154° 20'

On Board the Blackstone 1844

Friday May 10<sup>th</sup>

All these 24 hours Strong gales from the NW  
Attended with Squalls of Snow and Cloudy Weather  
Laying too under A Close Reefed main  
topsail & fore and staysail at 6 P.M. were  
bound to the Southward on bent the fore  
sail to repair so End this Day Nothing  
in Sight but Birds No Observation

Saturday May 11<sup>th</sup>

First Part of this Day Strong gales from the  
NW and Cloudy Weather Reading to the South  
ward one Ship in Sight heading to the NW  
got the foresail down and bent it middle  
part more moderate with the foresail at  
4 A.M. made Sail to the Southward  
two Ships in Sight at 7 A.M. were  
bound to the Northward so End this  
Day sent the main royal yard and  
mast down and sent the Studingsails  
Booms of the yards No Whales in Sight  
this Day Late Obs 52° 57' North  
Lon by Obs 153° 11' West

Sunday May 12<sup>th</sup>

First Part of this Day Strong winds  
moderate Rainey and pleasant weather Steering  
N by W Winds South at Sunset Double  
reefed the topsails Steering of to the NW  
under Short Chail at 4 A.M. made Sail  
blowing Strong at 8 and Cloudy  
Weather at 10 A.M. Rose White Whales  
lowered all three boats but it was  
too rough to do any thing took up  
the boats and furled the fore topsail  
Double reefed the main and have  
too head to the Southward blowing  
and raining so End this Day

Late By Account 54° 30'

Lon By Account 151° 44'