

Remarks. Whale Cruising

Thursday September the 4th 1851

Commences with a light breeze from the North and cloudy, the boats in chase of Whales at 4 P.M. calm and pleasant, at sunset 7 P.M. took up the boats and furlled the top gallant sails and clewed down the top sails through the night calm and pleasant, at daylight 5 A.M. set all sail with a light breeze from the South and pleasant weather, at six saw Whales and lowered the boats in chase at 9 A.M. fresh breeze and cloudy heavy weather at 12 M. set in a thick fog and hoisted the boats. Lat by Act 47.30 North, Long by Act 148.10 East

Friday Sept the 5th

Commences with a strong breeze from the South with a thick fog and rugged at 1 P.M. clewed up the fore & Mizzen top sails and double reefed the fore main top sail and furlled the jib, at 6 P.M. wore ship to the Westward and set the watches for the night through the night a light breeze from the S.W. and Drizzly weather at 5 A.M. set all sail and lowered the boats for Whales at 7 came on board to breakfast, and lowered again and struck a Whale to the Larboard Boat, and at 12 M. came off foggy and out from the Whale, 8 miles to Windward of the Ship.

Lat by Act 47.40 North, Long by Act 148.00 East

Saturday Sept the 6th

Commences with a light breeze from the East and foggy, at 1.30 P.M. the boats got on board at 6 P.M. took in sail for the night, a light breeze and thick fog through the night baffling air and foggy, at 8 A.M. the fog cleared off, saw Whales and lowered the boats in chase and at 11 A.M. struck to the Waist Boat and lost the line the latter part baffling air and moderate weather the boats in chase of the Whale, Lat by Act 47.40, Long by Act 148.00

Sunday Sept the 7th Commences with baffling air and moderate at 3 P.M. came on board and got dinner and went off again and chased the Whale until 7 P.M. and gave him up for a bad job through the night calm and pleasant, and at daylight set all sail at 8 P.M. took a breeze from the Eastward and wore ship to the Southward, at 9 saw a Whale and chased him until 11 without success Ends with a brisk breeze and cloudy, No Whales in sight, it is supposed they have gone to meeting. Lat by Act 47.30 North, Long by Chron 148.10 East

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Monday Sept the 8th

Commences with a brisk breeze from the Eastward with cold cloudy weather the ship with all sail set standing to the Southward at 2 P.M. increasing breeze and furlled the flying jib and mizzen top gallant sail, saw two Whales going quick to Windward at 6.30 P.M. took in sail for the night, at 12 M. increasing strong gales and rugged and took the boats to the upper crains, at 3 A.M. heavy gales with rain and furlled the main top sail and fore top mast staysail, the latter part heavy gales with rain and rugged weather, Ship heading up North and off N.W. by S, Lat by Act 47.25 North, Long by Act 147.50 East

Tuesday Sept the 9th

Commences with a heavy gale from the E.N.E. and rugged rainy weather the ship lying too heading to the Northward under bare poles, at 6 P.M. more moderate and set the main top sail close reefed, through the night the wind moderating to a light breeze and fair weather, at daylight set all sail standing by the wind to the Northward, at 11 A.M. saw a Whale and lowered four boats and chased without success. Lat by Act 47.50 North, Long by Act 147.35 East

Wednesday Sept the 10th

Commences with a light breeze from the East and fair weather, the ship by the wind with all sail set heading S.N.E., a great quantity of fin back Whales about, but no right Whales, at sunset took in sail as usual and set four watches for the night, through the night strong breezes and cloudy, at daylight set the courses and jib and double reefed top sails heading to the Eastward wind from the S.S.E., at 10 A.M. saw a Whale and lowered and chased him without success, at 11 increasing gales and furlled the main sail & jib. Lat by Act 48.10 North, Long by Act 149.00 East

Thursday Sept the 11th

Commences with a fresh gale from the S.S.E. with cloudy rugged weather ship under double reefed top sails heading to the Eastward, at 4 P.M. set in thick and drizzly at 6 P.M. took in sail for the night, the middle and latter part fresh breezes from the S.S.E. with fog and rain. Lat by Chron 48.38 North, Long by Act 148.15 East