

Brighton's Log Book
Wednesday Jan 21th

Commences with strong breeze and clear weather from the E. by S. ship laying up S. by E. nothing in sight at sunset wind moderated middle and latter parts wind about the same ship laying at latter part S. by E. employed in sending fore top gallant mast and bending fly jib and working on the rigging

Lat by Obs 35° 11' N
Long by Acc 138° 30' E

Thurs Jan 22nd

Came with breeze moderate from the E. and clearing weather steering by the wind laying up S. by E. nothing in sight employed in ship's duty at sunset wind hauled ship laying up S. by E. wind E. by S. took in light sails middle and latter parts fresh breezes and the wind hauling more to the North latter parts double reefed topsails breeze and thick and foggy at noon ship laying up E. by S.

Frid Jan 23rd

Came with strong double reefed topsails breeze with thick foggy weather from the N. by E. at two P.M. looked for blackfish without success at sunset wind cut N. by W. went to the W. by E. middle part wind cut a berth at daylight wind cut West ship laying up North latter part moderate breezes

Lat by Obs 35° 25' North
Long by Chron 138° 00' East

Sat Jan 24th

Came with moderate breezes from the N. by E. and clear weather steering by the wind to the N. at sunset little or no wind took in light sails at eight P.M. wind light from the N. by W. ship laying up N. by E. middle and latter parts rain thunder and lightning calms squalls and variables at noon no wind and the weather clearing up

Sun Jan 25th

Begins with a calm at three P.M. a clear sky and wind light from the S. by E. steering large course N. by W. at sunset took in light sails main sail and jib middle part wind moderate from the S. by E. latter part wind cut East with fine clear weather and nothing in sight

Lat by Obs 35° 51' North
Long by Chron

Mon Jan 26th

Begins with fine clear weather from the East course N. by W. nothing in sight to relieve the dull monotony of the day may God in his infinite mercy send legions of sperm whales and great success thence our prayer as with aching eyes we scan the horizon middle part the same at daylight saw a dead sperm whale covered and took him alongside he had probably been dead about three days took him in alongside and commenced cutting