

Remarks on Board Boat Brighton 1837

Tuesday 21st April

This day commences with a strong wind from S.E. Steering by the wind to the Southward and Westward took in sail at the usual time and now ship to the Eastward one sail in sight we have seen ships every day for the last fortnight and not one of the number appear to be doing anything as regards whaling, still make this all hands at day light and made sail strong wind from South employed in the rigging little much the same

Wednesday 22nd April

This day commences with fine clear weather and strong wind from the Southward Steering on the wind to the Southward and Westward employed fitting little to be about the rigging Copper repairing Castles and sail in sight took in sail at sun set and now ship to the Eastward all hands and set the fore topsail double reefed Blowing half a gale from S.E. employed painting Blocks and various other jobs in the rigging ship continues to work in heavy weather and little moderately increasing

Thursday 23rd April

This day commences with a gale from the Southward and Eastward at two P.M. took in the fore topsail at five Blowing harder and heavy sea took in the fore sail and Main topsail and made things snug for the Gale called all hands at day light Blowing half a gale from S.E. Steering on the wind heading South lat 34 employed fitting the Anchor gear and sea ship continues to drift and little much the same

Capt Abner Tucker

Friday 24th April 1837

This day commences with a strong wind from S.E. and heavy sea steering S.E. till sun set one sail in sight employed fitting the Anchor gear after taking in sail luffed up to the wind heading S.E. by S. all hands and made sail at day light at eight A.M. Killed Sperm Whales on the weather Quarter board three Boats for them they are now in pursuit of them going to Windward the boats apparently that at 31. 37 lat long 175-42 East same

Saturday 25th April

This day commences with a strong wind from S.E. three Boats chasing Whales about half past two P.M. 2nd Mate got capsize by carrying too much sail we were all else to the Whales at the time I think we would have things had not the accident occurred got the Boat on Board at five P.M. at half past ten P.M. Mate came on Board he left the Whales at sun set going to the Eastward Middle and lat light Wind from S.E. By the way out for Water Nothing of the Whales this morning

Sunday 26th April

This day commences with light Breeze from S.E. Steering by the wind heading to the Southward and Westward fine weather at sun set took in the light sail commencing to stand sea makes this evening four standing Boats crew watches series are now fixed in this whaling ground Middle and lat past very light Wind from the Southward and Eastward steering S.W. by South little much the same. lat by two 32. 28 East