

Lat 44. 27

Sunday

Dec 30th 1883

Long 160. 50 Blowing very strong first and middle part from the N.W. latter part more moderate. very high sea on. nothing been seen to day.

Lat 44. 30

Monday

Dec 31st

Long 160. 24 Blowing strong from the N.W. ship on the port tack. barometer very low to night it stands at 28.75 tenths below 29. expecting a gale, rains in squalls employed boiling what we can nothing been seen to day. Tip the dog very sick to night he has been eating black skin

Lat 44. 25

Tuesday

Jan 1st 1884

Long 159. 40 This day blowing a gale from the N.W. ship on the port tack. finished boiling to night whale turned up 76 1/2 blb. nothing except birds been seen.

Lat 44. 3

Wednesday

Jan 2nd

Long 159. 2 Still blowing a gale from the N.W. with very heavy rain accompanied with thunder & lightning also hail. weather very squally.

Lat 44. 4

(Barometer down to 28.75)

Thursday

Jan 3rd

Long 158. 38 Still blowing strong from the N.W. but more moderate than yesterday. nothing been seen to day.

Friday

Jan 4th

First and middle part of this day blowing hard. latter part more moderate ship on the Starboard tack heading S.W. nothing to write so ends this day. no observation

Lat 44. 45

Saturday

Jan 5th 1884

Long 159. 29 Light-buzzes from the N. ship on the starboard tack trying to get to the S.E. saw several fin backs employed stowing down oil. weather fine but a heavy swell on so ends this day.

Sunday

Jan 6th

Light-buzzes from the E. ship steering S.W. weather fine and clear. nothing been seen to day cloudy at noon did not get an observation so ends.

Monday

Jan 7th

Lat 45. 43

Long 161. 34 Good buzzes from the E.S.E. first part steering S.W. middle and latter part on the wind heading S by W. saw nothing except squid employed mending sail

Lat 45. 48

Tuesday

Jan 8th

Long 161. 30 This day calm and light-buzzes from the S.W. ship on the wind heading S.E. nothing been seen employed mending the foresail bent a new fit so ends.

Lat 45. 57

Wednesday

Jan 9th

Long 161. 44

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Very light-buzzes from the N.W. first and middle part on the wind latter part steering S by S. this morning the Cook said a right-whale three miles off. going very quick soon went out of sight of the ship did not lower no wind, to get down where we last saw him employed repairing the mainsail and soil weather fine