

Lat-32.47

Sunday

May 1st 1887

Long 178.188

Moderate breeze from the N ship on the wind, we have had more rain than sun shine to day, saw a large merchant ship steering to the Eastward, caught four skipjacks. so ends this day.

Lat-32.42

Monday

May 2nd

Long 179.29 W.

This day moderate breeze from the NNE ship stood on opposite tack. weather thick and muggy. nothing been seen. shortened sail at dark. so ends.

Tuesday

May 3rd

First part of this day strong breeze from the NE. with heavy rain middle part wind changed into the NNW ship on the wind to the NE. weather cleared up some saw a school of porpoises.

Lat-32.6

Wednesday

May 4th

Long 179.9

Moderate breeze from the NW. weather squally, ship on the wind working to the N. nothing in sight except fish, some rain through the day.

Lat-31.10

Thursday

May 5th

Long 178.50

Good breeze from the SSW ship steering N by E. passed ^{French rock} some Curtis rocks and Goat Island. shortened sail at dark and luffed to on the port tack heading W. Lark up the bone and scraped it and put it in soak to night ready to wash tomorrow.

Friday

May 6th 1887

Very light-breeze from the ESE ship cruising to the Eastward of Curtis rocks and Goat Island. about 8 A.M. Mars. Coalstern raised two sperm whales going to the windward. lured and the Starboard boat struck. wind was very light so they had to tow the whale about three miles did not get it along side until about 1:00 clock at night set the watch after we got supper and made the whale secure Curtis rocks quite close to.

Saturday

May 7th

Good weather. wind from the E. at 6 A.M. called all hands. got breakfast and commenced to cut got through about 5 P.M. with the body boat island and Curtis rocks in sight. hooked on to the head or tried 3 hours to do so. but could not so gave it up and let it lay for the night started the dry works.

Sunday

May 8th

This day blowing strong in squalls with rain. about 4 A.M. this morning lost the whales head the chain tore out. the weight of the head broke one of the humpies down. we are having hard luck. employed boiling what they can. wind from the ENE. no observation