

Bark "Elizabeth on a Whaling Voyage in 1845

Tuesday August the 5th 1845

Commenced with strong winds and passing clouds from the ESE and 2 sails in sight besides a number of fin backs and other numerous objects at 6 P.M. wore ship to the Eastward saw a piece of squid and a few spouts and a fresh breeze daylight wore around and got double reefed Top Sails wore on sail to the SW got the jib as mainsail at Meridian tooked ship to the SW nothing more of note Sat 17/11

Wednesday August the 6th 1845

Commenced with strong winds from the SE and cloudy the Bark heading SE at 3 P.M. saw a sperm whale of the sea heard 2 miles off kept the ship off and round 1/2 a mile and saw several whales close to the ship all of which were going to the windward quick lowered all three Boats and chased them untill it was sunset and then came on board and stood to the Eastward at 3 A.M. wore ship to the SW at 10 A.M. saw a brig to the SW steering to the NW supposed to be a whaler
Latitude by observation 17° 40' S
Longitude by Chronometer 2° 41' West

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Thursday August the 7th 1845

Commenced with strong winds from the ESE and the Bark heading to the SW at 3 P.M. wore ship to the Eastward steering to the Westward supposed to be the Theophilus Chase of Westport at 6 P.M. shortened sail at 9 P.M. steered of North at 12 midnight luffed to the wind at daylight saw two sails both steering of to the NW at 8 A.M. steered of NE at meridian luffed to the wind boat by obs 16° 31' South Long by Cr 2° 56' W

Friday August the 8th 1845

Commenced with strong winds and thick weather the Bark steering West at 2 past 1 P.M. saw a humpback at sunset shortened sail for the night at daylight wore ship to the Eastward with strong winds wore several sails steering to the NW saw 1 or 2 fin backs
Latitude by observation 17° 09' South Longitude west

Saturday August the 9th 1845

Commenced with strong winds from the SSE and the Bark heading to the SW at 6 P.M. wore ship to the Eastward latter part strong winds from the SSE and the Bark steering to the Eastward saw number of sails steering to the NW lat by obs 16° 41' South Long by Cr 3° 19' West

Sunday August the 10th 1845
Commenced with strong trades the Bark heading to the Eastward at daylight wore ship to the SW at 9 A.M. set the mainsail latter part squally so ended these 24 hours
lat by obs 16° 39' Long 3° 12' W