

"From Starbuck's History of the Whale Fishery"
Page 502. Bark Joshua Bradton sailed
on a whaling voyage to the Pacific Ocean
October 29, 1853, returned home August 2, 1857.
Benjamin Swain, Captain. Lawrence Drinnell,
agent.

1853

Oct. 29th Saturday Latter part fine pleasant weather with
a light breeze from the N. At 7 a. m. took
our anchor off Sparks point and stood out
of Buzzards bay, at half past 9 a. m. the Pilot
left us and we steered S. by E.

Sunday Oct. 30th Light wind and pleasant weather steering
S. by E. employed fitting boats. Middle part
much the same the wind N. Latter part the
wind N. E. and thick hazy weather, a number
of sails in sight

Monday Oct. 31st Commenced with a strong wind from
the N. E. and thick rainy weather steering S. S. E.
at sunset double reefed the top sails. Middle part
it blowed a Gale, took in all sail but the close
reefed main top sail and hove her too heading E.
Latter part more moderate, set the double reefed fore
top sail and steered S. E. by E. 2 sails in sight

Tuesday Nov. 1st Commenced with a moderate Gale steering
S. E. by E. at 2 p. m. set the fore sail and let one
reef out the main top sail. Middle part much the
same. Latter part the wind very light and very rainy
let all the reef out the top sails and set the main
sail employed in various ways about the ship

Wednesday Nov. 2nd Light wind with squalls and very rainy, steering
S. E. by E. 2 sails employed in various ways, at sunset
furled the main sail. Middle part the same. Latter
part the wind very light, employed in various ways about
the ship. Lat. 54. 14. N. Long 66. 15. W.