

Sophia Thornton sailed July 11th 1857
Journal of a Whaling Voyage in the Pacific
Ocean and elsewhere kept by John M. Young

Friday July 11th 1857
At 4 A.M. got under way with light baffling
winds, the Ship Hilman in company
All hands employed working ship out
of the Bay

Saturday July 12th
Commences with light breezes from
S.W. to W. Ship heading S to S.S.W. All sail
set At 12 part 12. Meridian the Pilot and
6 or 8 others left the Ship the light
Boat heading per compass S.S.E. Dist
2 Mils, at sunset Thomas Dand here
per compass N by E Dist 15 Mils, the
Ship Hilman here N by W Hull down
hauled all the light sails All hands
employed Stowing Anchors and Chains
and clearing up for the night At 4 P.M.
set the Watch Middle part light Ship
heading S to S.S.E. Latter part calm
with baffling airs the Hilman in sight
Dist 10 Mils All Hands Employed fitting
Boats No Ob. at being over cast
Lat by a count 40.36. N Long 70.34

Saturday July 13th
Commences with baffling airs attended
with calms All hands Employed
fitting Boats at sunset the Hilman
close a head Middle and Latter parts
baffling winds from W to N.N.W. Ship
working to the South the Hilman
in company
Lat by Ob 34.57 N Long by Ob 70.25