

Bark Abram Barker

Sunday July 27th 66

The first part of these 24 hours pleasant with a light breeze & we were chasing sperm whales to the windward. And at 3 P.M. our second mate struck it at dark. We killed him and took him along side & sent all hands below but the boatwales, & they had to look out for the whale along side & c.

And the next day was Sunday we was cutting in & our men going out for a sport & it was a sperm whale. & we hoard 3 boats & we got one of them & he run us to windward so we could not get any closer to land him till late in the afternoon & then we was nearly out of sight from the ship & so we all took on & went to towing for the ship & it lasted all night & when morning come we was just as far from the ship as ever. So 2 of the boats left as of their ways & went board of the ship & one of them stopped by the whale the ship had along side. And then the ship made sail & worked up to the other one & then we took him along side & then cast the ship off for the other one & went down & took him along side & c. & fished all sail & had them fished for over a week it blew so & we was 3 days cutting in & then we went to towing out right away so as to save our blubber before it spoiled & during the time our first mate was dead pretty bad about the neck & arms with hot oil. I haven't wrote any before for 2 weeks being long so. & we lost a considerable of our soil & then we lost one of the heads from long side & we saved one of them & c.

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Sunday July 28th 66

The first part of these 24 hours pleasant with a light breeze & our men were employed at stemming down our oil. Middle part pleasant & our ship was under short sail & our second mate caught one of the four most hands as lay below his watch on deck his name was Age. Latter part pleasant & we were steering to the N.E. with all sail set. The latitude was today 45° 07'

Monday July 30th 66

The first part of these 24 hours pleasant with a light breeze & our ship has all sail set & steering to the N.E. & we saw several finbacks. Middle part commenced with a fresh breeze from the N.W. & at 7 P.M. we hoisted the light sails & fished the mainsail & double reefed the topsails & c. and it blew a good breeze quite heavy with a little rain & squalls & c. Latter part blowing strong from the N.W. & we are steering to the E.N.E. under double reef topsails & c. & our men have been employed at ship's duties & we saw 3 sails & c.

Tuesday July 31st 66

The first part of these 24 hours blowing strong from the N.W. & we are steering to the E.N.E. Middle part began to moderate down so at 6 A.M. we made all sail & several sails in sight and one of them look as if he was crippled looked as if his foretopmast was gone & our men have been employed at ship's duties & c.

Wednesday August 1st 66

The first part of these 24 hours strong breezes from the N.W. & we have had part of the time all sail set & heading to the N. Middle part commenced with strong breeze from the N. and at 7 P.M. we shortened sail double reefed & c.