

in the evening, a very large flock of albatross.

46-25 N. 32-16 S.

Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> 1912

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Merchant Mystic

Fair in morning with light S.E. wind veering to the eastward. Three masted schooner in sight think it the "Mystic".

Ship under fore's main try's and head sails. High seas and calm in afternoon take in fore's and set try's. Boilers Mystic 8 miles off surface and under bare poles.

46-23 N. 31-48 S.

Dec. 13

This day commenced with a light N.W. wind very clear. Set all sail in early morning and steer S.W. Finish boiling at 7 A.M. at 10 A.M. keep off S. wind veered to west during afternoon. Three masted schooner turned out to be merchant ship and not Mystic as I had thought. at 7 P.M. shorten down to fore and main try's and bare stay's. Moderate wind and very smooth sea. So ends.

46-26 N. 32-25 S.

Dec. 13

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Whales

This day commenced with moderate N.W. wind very clear and smooth sea, set fore's in early morning and main's at 7 A.M. and steering E. N.E. raise whales after break fast lower boats and get 2 plucked by 2:30 P.M. rig up cutting gear and cut one by 3 P.M. Set boat whatchers from 9 to 5 A.M.

45-54 N. 32-17 S.

Dec. 14 1912

Fair and fresh N.W. winds choppy seas all hands up at 5 A.M. and took on whale at 5-30 and finish cutting at 12 noon wind gradually decreasing very moderate by noon and nearly calm by night ship laying under fore's and main try's jib and flying jib and on port tack. Boiling

32-36 S. 45-55 N.

Dec. 15

This day overcast and moderate N.W. winds ship under fore's try's and flying jib. and on port tack boiling heads at noon were ship and head N.W. N.W. with N. winds barometer going down lay on starboard tack for the night under same sail, after noon weather cleared up fine.

45-25 N. 32-27 S.

Dec. 16

Whales. Merchant. Cut away from two whales

Moderate to fresh N. Gale overcast partly fair whales at 6:45 A.M. lower two boats and each gets out to one whale second mate signals he is close lower 3rd boat 3rd boat gets out second mate comes along side with whale and stove boat full water in trailing part dory and break boat in traps try to were ship to pick up others not possible to were ship with whale a long side signal boats to cut, too rough to cut in. Boiling Wind moderated in afternoon overcast and light rain not able to take sight far long - latitude Lat. at noon

32-31 S. 45-48 N.

lay on starboard tack under fore's main try's and jib