

School Bells

There came a heavy swell that lasted a half hour and left us a thick haze sight of whale boats came on board at 1-PM. whale going 2. make sail to the S. till 2- then 2. till 3-30 back S.W. until 5- At 5- luff by the wind on account of swell and light breeze at 6-15 raise whale lower boats and pull a mile to windward with no success there were a school bulls lay on Starboard tack 34-15-49-50 S.

Jan. 2nd

Thursday commenced with a light E. & E. air clear ship under short sail and on port tack since 12- midnight At 7-30 set all sail on starboard and luff by the wind heading S.W. just broad way at 10- nice breeze at 11-45 raise whale 4 miles to windward after dinner 9- foggy and we have sight of her at 1- ship heading N. and going ahead some should see whale but for fog wave up on short tacks see nothing of whale lay on Starboard tack till midnight then port till morning 34-32

Jan. 3

Whale School

Light to fresh N.E. winds raises school of whales at 6-30 while on Starboard tack and under full sail reefs off for them and have 4 fluked by 1-15 Run all hands dinner cut in 3 with an increasing wind and a very uncomfortable swell supper at 8-PM. and set water from 9-45 to 7 AM. Overcast not able to take sight

Jan. 4

This day fresh to light S winds with an uncomfortable swell cut in whale after dinner Boiling ship under main try sail and jib on Starboard tack after cutting whale were ship and at 5-20 set fore sail and flying jib on port tack

49-27 N. 35-04 S.

Jan. 5

This day fair and light wind E. ship on port tack in morning were ship and still sail at 7-30 AM. steering S.W. 8-20 any amount of squalls. Boiling finished at 7-30 PM. Shorted sail and were ship lay the night on port tack under fore sail main try sail and jib 34-28 S. 49-37 N.

Jan. 6th

This day fair and light S.W. wind smooth and fine ship under short sail and under short sail raises school of whales at daylight lower boats and have 3 fluked by 11-30 have dinner and cut in whales by 3-30 PM. Set fores, saw a bit of swell to leeward in early morning then in early afternoon raise sail on same direction imagine it is whale ship boiling were ship after cutting and set all sail on port tack by the wind heading S.W. Shorten sail late in afternoon. Increasing winds lay on Starboard tack 49-28 N. 34-24 S.

Jan. 7

This day fair and very clear ship under short sail all day on account of ground swell and on port tack with a very light southerly winds gradually veering to the E. towards night lay the night on beam tacks 50-07 N. 34-24 S.

"Moosefoot boat" along side at 11-30 PM. started by our fire.