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Catman's Cruising on the Schooners in 1884

Sunday 7th the begins with a fine breeze from N.W. took the hump back along side at 12 P.M. and commenced cutting steel catches the middle and latter part the same got all cut in at 8 P.M. started the work at 11 A.M. aboard watch too the first watch saw a sail 80 fms this day Lat by obs 18-52 S Long by Chro 32-42 West

Monday 10th the begins with a light breeze from N.W. steered N.W. at the night at 6 P.M. the middle and latter part equally saw a sail steering S.W. still looking so ends Lat 18-00 S Long 34-20 West

Tuesday 11th the begins with the same finished sail at 4 P.M. steering N.W. by 20 at sundown luffed to the wind from a sail turned up 55 h of humpback the middle and latter strong wind from N.W. saw a school of humpbacks so ends the Lat by obs 18-05 S Long by Chro 35-50 West

Wednesday 12th the begins with strong breezes from the N.W. same at 3 P.M. saw sperm whales a school of 40 barrels back bred darted but did not fasten came on board the middle and latter part more moderate steered down 32 hls of humpback oil Lat by obs 18-58 S Long by Chro 36-18 West

Thursday 13th the begins with light breezes from N.W. at 3 P.M. saw a sperm whale breach 12 miles off to the land at 4 P.M. bred did not get on the middle part light air latter equally took a breeze from South S.E. steered to the S.W. Lat 18-50 S Long 36-15 West

Friday 14th the begins with a strong breeze from S.E. the middle and latter part a strong breeze from the same at sundown were ship to the east saw two sails steering to the N.E. so ends Lat by obs 18-48 S Long by Chro 35-55 West

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Capt. Elmer H. Cushing Master

Saturday 15th the begins with the same saw three vessels two steering to the N.E. one steering to the S.W. the middle and latter part the same at sunrise saw two sail steering to the S.W. Lat by obs 18-20 S Long by Chro 36-25 West

Sunday 16th the begins with a strong breeze from S.E. at sundown were ship to the N.E. the middle and latter strong winds from S.E. at sunrise were ship to the South so ends this 24 hours Lat by obs 18-30 S Long by Chro 36-20 West

Monday 17th the begins with a strong breeze from S.E. at sundown the middle and latter the same saw humpbacks so ends this 24 hours Lat by obs 18-01 South Long by Chro 36-10 West

Tuesday 18th the begins with a fine breeze from East saw a blunt nosed grampse and a shark at sundown were ship to the S the middle and latter part rained saw humpbacks Lat 18-05 Long 36-00 West

Wednesday 19th the begins with light breezes from N.W. at 12 noon ship to the N.W. bred for humpbacks did not get any then at day light were ship to the South at 12 noon ship to the N. Lat by obs 18-48 S Long by Chro 36-10 West

Thursday 20th the begins with a fine breeze from N.W. steered to the west at sundown luffed to the N. the middle and latter fine weather at sunrise were ship to the South bred for black fish did not get any Lat by obs 18-51 S Long by Chro 36-40 West

Friday 21th the Commences with fine weather steered to the South wind from North at sunrise were ship at 10 steered S.E. saw humpbacks so ends Lat by obs 18-00 S Long by Chro 37-00 West

Weakness from this day