

Remarks on Board Bark

Monday Nov 4th 1858

Commenced with strong breeze from SE course NW man
all present said midday past wind shifted
to the NE course NW with all present
sail - Vatter put another five many birds seen
and we are in hopes to see whales soon
Lat 46° 26' 37" N
Long 31° 12' W

Tuesday 5th

Commenced with strong breeze
from NE course NW midday sailing
Vatter put wind shifted to Westward
blowing strong shortened sail to double
reefed topsails
Lat 46° 28' 17" N
Long 40° 00' W

Wednesday 6th

Commenced with strong breeze from Westward
at 3 PM saw 10 humpbacks
and hope soon to see some sperm whales
midday past heard ship by up NW
Vatter put wind shifted to NE course NW
saw many humpbacks
Lat 46° 29' 07" N
Long 40° 25' W

Thursday 7th

Commenced with moderate breeze
from NE course NW saw a turtle loosed and
got him midday past pleasant Vatter put
wind strong with rain at 10 PM wind shifted
and to NW and the topsails
Lat 34° 00' N
Long 41° 30' W

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Friday Nov 5th

Commenced with strong breeze
from NW at 1 PM blowing a Gale ship under
double reefed main topsails & Spencer's midday
past blowing a strong Gale from NW ship lying
too much close reefed main topsails kept forward
and Spencer's Vatter put the same
Lat 46° 31' 30" N
Long 31° 12' W

Saturday 6th

Commenced with strong breeze from
NW with a sharp sea we feel so hopes it will
moderate and we shall have a sight at some
whales and midday past moderate breeze
wind from the same quarter Vatter put same
sail many birds seen but nothing in sight
but I presume it is near the best
Lat 46° 32' 20" N
Long 41° 25' W

Sunday 7th

Commenced with strong breeze
almost a Gale Bark under double reefed
topsails and fore course midday past more
moderate made some sail Vatter put nearly
calm made all sail saw humpbacks and we
are in hopes to see some sperm whales soon
we are feeling some anxious for time is passing
and we are without oil
Lat 46° 33' 00" N
Long 41° 00' W

Monday 8th

Commenced with a calm
at 4 PM had a breeze from ENE for 10 hours
at 8 PM moderate past a breeze spring up from
Eastward course NW with all sail set Vatter put
weather fine but nothing in sight excepting birds
but we are in hopes to get a whale soon
Lat 46° 33' 15" N
Long 42° 41' W