

1879

A Journal of a Whaling Voyage on board the
Schooner Clara L. Sparks. Berij Sparks Master

Monday

August 11th 11-10 AM got under weigh in Provincetown harbor. with the wind N.W. light - a. sunset the Cape Light bore South wind hauling to the Westward at 11 o'clock the vessel light south in the distance steering East with all sail set so ends this day

August 12th Tuesday First part of this day light breezes from the S.W. saw Porpoises got one several sails in sight. unblest chairs, stowed them below latter part gentle breezes steering S by E with all sail out
Lat 42.17 N Long 68.00 W

Wednesday August 13th First part of this day gentle breezes from S.W. saw 2 vessels at anchor on the part of Georges Bank middle & latter part light air and calm one brig in sight heading S by E with all sail set
Lat 41.48 N Long 64.50 W

Thursday August 14th First part of this day light baffling winds. saw porpoises got one saw 2 steamers only 4 sails. latter part gentle breezes from S.W. steering S. E. & nothing more worthy of note so ends this day
Lat 41.12 N Long 63.50 W

Friday August 15th First part of this day gentle breezes from the Westward got boats ready and stood mainheads latter part wind freshened to the North at 4 P.M. fished mainsail steering S. E. & under 4 lower sails saw porpoises. & 4 sails. so ends this day
Lat 39.48 N Long 63.00 W

Saturday August 16th First part of the 24 hours gentle breezes from the Southward saw 2 sails got boats all ready. latter part wind from the S.W. steering by the wind with calm
Lat 38.58 N Long 61.36 W

Sunday August 17th First part of this day gentle breezes from the S.W. pleasant few a day steering S.W. middle & latter part light breezes from the Westward saw 2 other sails nothing more in sight worthy of note so ends this day steering S.W. with full sail out
Lat 37.22 N Long 60.33 W

1879

Journal Continued

Monday August 18th First part of this day light breezes from the N. middle & latter part calm. one bark in sight bound East. saw porpoises nothing more worthy of note
Lat 36.50 N Long 59.10 W

Tuesday August 19th First part of this day calm and sail in sight. hauled for practice middle part light breezes from Southward. latter part gentle breezes from the S.W. steering S.E. with all sail set. so ends this day
Lat 35.56 N Long 58.00 W

Wednesday August 20th All these 24 hours gentle breezes from the S.W. set and sail. steering S.W. & nothing more worthy of note so ends this day with all sail set
Lat 34.30 N Long 56.32 W

Thursday August 21th First part of this day gentle breezes from the S.W. & squally. a 2 P.M. took in mainsail at 8 A.M. set it again nothing in sight at sunset took in the mainsail & at 10 P.M. steering S.W. by E. squally
Lat 33.18 N Long 53.37 W

Friday August 22th First part of this day gentle breezes from the S.W. & squally. middle & latter part light baffling winds from all points. nothing in sight worthy of note. at 6 P.M. took in mainsail set topsail steering S. East
Lat 32.18 N Long 52.00 W

Saturday August 23th First part of this day squally nothing in sight wind light from N.W. middle & latter part calm. light air from Southward nothing in sight
Lat 31.56 N Long 51.26 W

Sunday August 24th All this day calm. nothing in sight worthy of note. so ends this day calm
Lat 31.46 N Long 51.06 W

Monday August 25th All this day light air from the Southward & blushed masts. one bark in sight bound to the Westward nothing more worthy of note taken in mainsail
Lat 31.48 N Long 51.00 W

Tuesday August 26th First part of this day light air from the South. middle & latter part gentle breezes from the S.E. got a longhead turtle one horned pig in sight bound to the Westward nothing more worthy of note so ends this day
Lat 32.15 N Long 50.22 W