

Dec. 1875

Remarks on Board Bark Clarice of Edgartown on W
Friday 10th

Begins with strong breezes from the westward
Bark heading by the wind on port tack several
sail in sight all with a head wind and head
swell the Old Clarice bows gracefully now to
the white capped waves and then plunges madly
into them as if on a road furz at the head
wind that keeps us here but in vain for her
on us but with God all things are possible
Middle part light breeze from the westward
Bk on port tack latter part very much the
same watch employed with ship duties

Lat 21.50
Long 21.40

Saturday 11th Fair - part light breeze
Several sail in sight - started one blb ship
& some Molasses Middle part squally
Latter part fine weather Bark on port tack
Wind westerly several sail in sight
Oriel Sick from Eating turnips with cramp
on stomach & off duty

Lat 21.45
Long 21.35

Sunday 12th First part fine weather wind
westerly Bark by the wind on port tack
Three sail in sight employed washing ship
Tried the pumps about 12 strokes in one wet
Just what had been thrown into her
Middle part Calm latter part same

Lat 21.37
Long 21.37

Monday 13th Begins with light airs N Easterly
and Calm lowered Boats for Blackfish
Chased for about 2 hours without success
Ran several sail after 4 hours P.M. the
men went on swimming for a half hour or so
Three sail in sight Middle and latter part same
Employed Making a Spanker out of 2^d hand
Rails, perforce Cornish Grampuses and
Skippacks in sight

Lat 19.45
Long 22.27

Tuesday 14th Begins with fine weather & light
breeze from N.E. Bk on port tack 3 sail in sight employed
making spanker at 7 hours P.M. brought her to
the wind Main yard aback Middle part fine breeze
Main yard aback latter part light breeze

Whaling voyage in North & South Atlantic Merchant Macker
Bark steering West north West saw Plenty Porpoises but no
whales started water and worked on Rinker
Reynolds rick and off duty cause fever

Lat
Long

Dec 15th 1875 Begins with moderate breeze from
N.E. Bk steering West N.W. finished spanker
and bent same Middle part same
Latter part fine pleasant weather saw 5 macker
porpoises & one sail
Employed mending Foretop sail

Lat 25.41
Long 25.37

Thursday Dec 16th

Begins with fine weather one sail
in sight watch employed repairing old Foretop
sail at 3 1/2 P.M. saw Blackfish and lowered on
pursuit Mast Boat struck but dragged came
on board and took in light sails Bk by the wind
Middle part Bk by the wind on starboard tack under
top sails latter part fine weather and light breeze
at 6 1/2 A.M. lowered for Blackfish without success

Lat 18.22
Long 24.22

Caught one porpoise kept the ship West by North
Watch at work on top sail
Friday 17th

Whales

Begins with fine weather and a light
breeze from N.W. at 4 A.M. sighted Breaches
which proved to be 2 from Whales going quick
to windward gave immediate chase but did
not come up with them at dusk Whales on
port beam 3 to 4 miles to windward going N.E.
took in light sails and went to supper
Middle part Bark on opposite tacks working
to N.E. latter part strong breeze from N.E.
at 8 hours A.M. raised Sperm Whales off lee bow
Bk on port tack got the Boats ready and at 9 A.M.
lowered the Boats after them Starboard Boat struck
The Capt Room hauled on and shot a bomb lance
and gave a hayel lance into the whale getting her
to spouting thick blood the school being near
did not hurry to turn up the whale the Whales however
soon went to windward fast Whales also the Capt hauled
up to hit her turn her up and cut the iron strap with his
cane and lost the whale for ends these 24 hours

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