

Apr 1876
Remarks on board Bark Clarence

Thursday 13th

First part fine weather Bark on Starboard tack under whole topsails & flying jib saw one sail Watch employed as usual Magdolly & latter part strong trades Bark under double reefs saw one sail

Friday 14th

During these 24 hours strong trades Bark cruising saw several sail some Blackfish & Porpoises Watch employed about ship duties

Saturday 15th

First part fine weather Bark on Starboard tack at 4.30 P.M. spoke Bark Chas. W. Morgan on way out with 300 bbls of oil latter part strong breezes Bark on Port tack saw 2 sail Chas. Norton was distressed to the cap and got a work up jib

Sunday 16th

Begins with strong breezes from E & E. Bark on Port tack under whole Main topsail & double reefed fore at sundown double reefed Main topsail and furlled Main course at 2 A.M. wore ship and headed to the northward by the wind latter part equally weather at sunrise set the Main sail and at 8 A.M. turned the reefs out of the Main topsail, at 8 A.M. raised a 2nd Whaler to leeward of the ship 1/2 mile distant and working to leeward the whale seemed to be galled and was going sometimes one way & course and sometimes another toward away S. B. & W. B. in chase Boats soon came up with the whale but he seemed to be on the lookout for them and jilted so as to bring the boats on his eye every time they went for him He soon stayed off to windward and several more with him, but we had not seen S. B. lowered away and we chased to windward found there was no chance of coming up

of Edgartown on a Whaling Voyage with them, gave up the chase and came to the ship at 10 A.M. Made all sail and commenced working ship to windward

Monday 17th

Begins with light winds and pleasant weather Bark under all sail working to windward saw one sail at sundown shortened sail Bark on Port tack Middle & latter part very much the same Bark on opposite tacks Watch employed about ship duties

Tuesday 18th

First part fine weather Bark by the wind on Port tack under all sail at 5.30 P.M. bent down Fore & Main topsails Bent the Fore topsail at the main and bent an old topsail up forward the Chas. W. Morgan on sight to leeward Middle and latter part fine weather Bark cruising Watch employed about ship duties

Wednesday 19th

Begins with fine weather Bark steering different courses at 4.40 P.M. an English ship Chancellor hailed back to leeward of us, run down to him he was short of Provision & wanted 300 lbs Bread Capt Merchant supplied him with a little more than that amount Middle and latter part fine weather Bark cruising saw one sail Watch employed breaking out water

Thursday 20th

During these 24 hours strong trades Bark cruising saw several sail latter part Watch employed preparing Main topsail

Friday 21st

During these 24 hours strong trades First & latter parts Bark steering different courses Middle part under easy sail Employed preparing Main topsail & Breaking out Reef &c