

Ship Com. Morris of New Bedford

Friday April 28th

Comes in with strong breezes from N. and E. with cloudy weather. Ship steering W. with all prudent sail out. - at 9 P.M. raised a school of Sperm Whales going quick to the windward. Lowered fore boat and chased until about 1 P.M. when the Waist boat struck a 20 bl cow. Starb Bow Boat soon struck and then the whales started off NW. and chased by the other two boats until near sunset. Took the two whales to the ship and by 10 P.M. put them both cut in. - The two boats while chasing the whales came across another school of whales, there being some eight or ten. - all night ship under easy sail heading W. with strong breezes and squalls from the South. (Saw several long tailed birds) Lat. 39.14
Temp of W 72 Long 63.08

Saturday April 29th

Comes in with a gale of wind and squalls of rain from the South and South West. - Ship lying to heading up W. and W. N. W. with close reefed main topsail and main spruce and fore topmast stay sail weather rough. - employed in clearing away heads and doing other work about deck. - One sail seen today standing to the E. - several birds around and large quantities of small jellies in the water. - Water 70 - No Obs.

Sunday April 30th

Comes in with strong breezes from N.W. and cloudy weather. Wind shifting from S.W. to N.W. about 4 A.M. - Ship heading W. S.W. with all prudent sail out. - Put 3 A.M. started the works. - saw one steamer and several long tailed birds. - one Shearwater. - Water Green all day. Lat 39.56
Temp of W 72 Long 62.10

Saw Sperm Whales

Took Two Cows to W. One to S. 13.13.

In the A.M. saw and heard a black & white cow can buoy. Figure 3 on one of its sides.

Cruising In The Gulf Stream

Monday May 1st 1871

Comes in with strong gales from the N.W. and cloudy weather. Ship by the wind to the S.W. with all prudent sail out. nothing in sight until 4 P.M. then saw a sail steering to the S. Saw birds and jellies but no whales. In the P.M. more moderate
Temp of W 70 Lat at merid 38.25
Long by Chron 62.22

Tuesday May 2nd

Comes in with moderate breezes from the N. with rainy weather. Ship by the wind to the W. N. W. with all sail out. at 10 saw two Shearbacks going quick to the N. water Green nearly all day with jellies and a few Portuguese man of war. - Only one or two birds seen today and one school of Porpoises
Temp of W 72 Lat 38.53
Long 63.35

Wednesday May 3rd

Comes in with strong breezes from the N. and clear weather. Ship under easy sail to the S.E. all A.M. cruising - all hands busy in breaking out and coopersing oil on Starb. side of main hold. - nothing in sight all day - water quite blue with some jellies. - finished coopersing and stowing the Starb. side of main hold. having stowed the two last whales. - found several casks leaking badly, and nearly all having hoops loosened by warm dry weather. - in P.M. ship steering W. with nearly all sail out. weather fine
Lat 40.07
Temp of W 72 Long 63.37

Found Oil leaking badly.

made preparations for coopersing