

Ship Com. Morris of New Bedford.

Wednesday May 17th

Comes in with a strong gale from the S.W. and overcast. - Ship by the wind to the S.E. with all prudent sail out. ~~to the~~ cruising. Nothing in sight but one humpback and two sail steering to the E. - Water blue and clear - but little Gulf Weed.

Lat 39.44 N
Long 68.32 W.

Thursday May 18th

Comes in with light & baffling air and calm with rainy weather - raining nearly all night with heavy thunder and very sharp vivid lightning. One sail in sight to the N. under easy sail - think it is a whaler - at 4 P.M. look a breeze from the N.E. - kept ship off to the S. until 7 P.M. then luffed to the wind heading E. - Still raining - No Obs.

Friday May 19th

Comes in with strong breezes from the E. and clear weather. Ship by the wind to the S.E. under double reefed topsails. at 10^h raised a school of sperm whales going quite quick to the windward. Lowered and chased with four boats, two W. and Starb. bow boats fastened, then lowered the Starb. Boat. - Whales started to the leeward and then Bow Boat. Starb. Boat fastened and afterword Starb. Bow Boat struck the 2^d time. Took two whales to the ship in the P.M. and the other two the next morning. Starb. and Starb. Bow Boats out all night weather being rough. and ship not able to find the boat until near morning. one man had his foot cut by a sprake and the Blacksmith had his eye hurt badly by a boat's tiller.

Lat 38.46 N Long 68.22

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Saturday May 20th

Comes in with strong gales from the E with clear weather. Took two whales alongside early this mornig - hauled the sails and sent everybody below for a short nap. - at 11 called all hands - fitting boats until 3 P.M. then hooked on to the whales and commenced cutting. Finished by 10 P.M. - set the ~~whales~~ and started the works.

Lat 37.33
Long 68.30

Sunday May 21st

Comes in with light breezes from the S.E. and overcast - ship under easy sail boiling - all hands clearing away heads &c - saw one sail steering to the S.E. - saw also several birds and one school of porpoises.

Lat at Merd 37.07
Long by Chron 68.22

Monday May 22nd

Comes in with strong breezes from the S.W. and overcast. Ship by the wind to the W.N.W. with easy sail - nothing in sight - watch employed in boiling - saw several birds - but nothing else in the water - at 9 A.M. raised whales breaching but could not get near enough to make them suit. but called them sperm. There were some six or eight of them - nothing else seen today.

Lat at Merd 37.55
Long by Chron 64.04

Tuesday May 23rd

Comes in with strong breezes from the S.W. and clear weather. Ship going to all day under easy sail - cooled the works the night before about 12 having boiled all the blubber - nothing in sight but finbacks and Chulphur Bottoms & one sail steering to the E. Two men, Blacksmith & St. George back off duty.

No Obs.