

## Ship Commodore Morris of New Bedford

Wednesday Jan. 10<sup>th</sup> 1872

Came in with light breezes from E. S. E. with clear warm weather. Ship by the wind to the South at daylight saw a whaling Bark sailing on weather bow standing to the S. under easy sail at 11 saw her boat down and pulling to windward at 12 $\frac{1}{2}$  lowered two of our and pulled up the Bark was the *Clarice* Merchant of Edgartown and was chasing Sperm Whales. at 2 lowered other two boats and all joined in chasing. Waist Boat would have struck but for the *Clarice's* Boat the crews of which set up a loud shout when seeing our W Boat going on. Several 40 Blb Whales and were quite still before being galled the *Clarice* had taken 3 small whales on Monday & the day of her arrival here making 25 Blb.

Lat 7.02 Long 37.06

Thursday Jan. 11<sup>th</sup> 1872

Came in with light baffling winds from the S. E. and warm weather. Ship by the wind cruising on day Tack. Bk *Clarice* in sight at 8 A.M. raised Sperm Whales. The *Clarice* being near and so we mated. all boats chasing her boat went on and galled the Whale. Afterward the Lead Boat of Mr Winslow struck - whale run very bad a Bomb Lance having been fired into his head. - But killed the whale and got to ship by 5 P. M. all other boats chasing. a Brig also came along and her boats joined in the chase hooked on to the whale at 7 a boats crew from Bk *Clarice* came on board and assisted in cutting at 12 $\frac{1}{2}$  after much trouble with the head got him all in called him about 40 Blb.

Lat. 15.59

Long. 37.15

## Cruising In The South Atlantic

Friday Jan. 12<sup>th</sup> 1872

Began with light breezes from the E. and fine weather Ship by the wind cruising on different Tacks Bk *Clarice* and a whaling Brig in sight at 9 A.M. raised Sperm Whales going slow to leeward at 11 lowered all fresh boats and chased Bk *Clarice*, being handy mated with her. we setting our ensign and she answering by hoisting hers as had been previously arranged between us. The whales proved to be going to windward and about 2 P.M. Capt. Mearns struck and killed one. The boat going to Capt. Mearns assistance afterwards kept up the chase until near night the whales then going very quick to windward. - at dusk the *Clarice* was cutting and saw her light until 8 P.M. (Brig Eschol of Bevel) Lat 6.00 Long 37.25 passed us at 5 P.M.

Saturday Jan. 13<sup>th</sup> 1872

Came in with fresh breezes from the E. and cloudy weather Ship by the wind to the S. E. under whole topsails. Cruising the Brig Eschol in sight also cruising. Have not seen the Bk *Clarice* today although ran off for her this 2 A.M. for about three hours.

Sunday Jan. 14<sup>th</sup> 1872

All this day fine weather with moderate breezes from S. E. to E. but cloudy weather. Saw Brig Eschol cruising. Nothing more in sight all day.

Monday Jan. 15<sup>th</sup> 1872

All day moderate breezes from the E. S. E. and cloudy weather. Brig Eschol in sight cruising at 7 P.M. spoke and galled with Bk *Clarice* her whale taken on Friday turning up according to Capt. Mearns account 54 Blb 23 lbs.