

Ship Commodore Morris of New Bedford

Tuesday Jan 16th 1872

All day moderate breezes from E to N.E., rather baffling and cloudy weather with light showers of rain. Ship cruising on different tacks by the wind. 3 sail whales in sight also cruising. Employed in stowing oil in the after hold at 12th spoke Bk. Rosa Baker Gifford 6 weeks from Boston clean reports nothing.

The whale we took while started with Bk. Clarice started 57 Bbls 26 1/2 Gals. and about 1 Bbl remaining on deck. Lat 17 08 Long by Cal. 36.30

Wednesday Jan. 17th 1872

All day moderate breezes from the E, N.E. and squally weather. Ship by the wind to the N with all sail out. Nothing in sight all day but two sail both going to the N and E. No Obs.

Thursday Jan. 18th 1872

All day light breezes from the E, N.E. and squally weather. Ship by the wind with all sail out to the N. Nothing in sight all day but two sail both steering to the N & E.

Lat 14.36 N
Long 36.49 W

Friday, Jan. 19th 1872

All day fresh breezes from the E. and clear weather. Ship by the wind to the N.E. with all prudent sail out. One sail in sight steering to the north at 11th saw White Water several times one point on the lee bow. Run for it until 2 P.M. and then heeled to the wind, seeing nothing more. Think the W.W. was caused by grass prunes as it was rather quick for Sperm Whales.

Lat at Merd 13.11
Long by Chron. 36.49

Cruising In The South Atlantic Ocean

Saturday Jan. 20th 1872

Came in with strong breezes from the E & S.E. and cloudy weather with some squalls and quite vivid lightning. Ship by the wind to the South under all prudent sail. Having worn ship at 11 P.M. and shortened sail at sunset. Nothing in sight all the A.M.

Sunday Jan. 21st 1872

All day fresh breezes from the E & S.E. and clear weather. Ship by the wind to the S with all sail out. Nothing but one sail in sight all day.

Monday Jan. 22nd 1872

All day moderate breezes from the S.E. and fine clear weather. Ship steering for the Banks of Labrador with all sail out. Nothing in sight but one sail, a Brig bound to the S.P. at 7 P.M. spoke her and found that she was a Spanish Brig from Barcelona for Montevideo with Mine.

Lat at Merd 16.40 S.
Long by Chron 36.34 W.
Long by S. Brig 36.20 W.

Tuesday Jan. 23rd 1872

All day moderate breezes from the E and N.E. and fine warm weather. Ship by the wind on different tacks cruising. One sail in sight steering to the S.

Wednesday Jan. 24th 1872

All day light baffling winds from the E and N.E. and fine warm weather. Ship by the wind cruising on different tacks at 7 A.M. lowered and chased Blackfish with four Boats without success. The Blackfish being very shy indeed. One sail in sight steering to the E & S.E. by the wind.

Lat at Merd 17.08
Long by Chron. 36.40