

Ship Commodore Morris of New Bedford

Thursday March 7th 1872

All day moderate breezes from the E. S. E. and somewhat hazy weather. Ship cruising by the wind on different tacks and steering off to the N. E. with all prudent sail out. at 8 P.M. spoke the Bk's Wave and Lucia Kelly of New Bedford. Nothing this season - had seen whales but once then struck one large one and lost the line. Both boats on board all day for a gam. - at sunset broke up the gam. Seeing nothing like whales all day - saw two sail merchantmen steering to the N. E.

Lat at Merd. 31.39

Long by Chron. 44.48

Friday March 8th 1872

All day strong breezes and hazy weather. Ship by the wind to the S. W. and steering to the W. N. W. with all prudent sail out. - Nothing in sight all day but Grampuses - some albacore around the ship - caught several - In the P. M. steering to the N. E. by the wind

Lat 31.02

Long 45.40

Saturday March 9th 1872

All day light baffling winds from the E. and fine weather. Ship by the wind heading N. E. with all sail out. - One sail in sight in the P. M. at 1 P. M. steering to the South. - No indication of whales - water blue and clear - some albacore around the ship - caught several

Lat 30.30

Long 44.58

Sunday March 10th 1872

All day light baffling winds from the N. E. and fine clear weather. Ship by the wind on different tacks working to the N. E. with all sail out - nothing in sight all day. - Plenty of albacore around the ship

Lat at Merd 44.44

Long by Chron. 30.16

Cruising In The South Atlantic Ocean

Monday March 11th 1872

All day light winds and calms - winds from N. E. and fine pleasant weather. Ship by the wind with all sail out steering to the E. S. E. Nothing in sight all day but skipjack & Bait & albacore. caught three or four barrels and salted them.

Lat 36.14

Long 44.12

Tuesday March 12th 1872

All day strong breezes - cloudy and somewhat squally weather. Ship in A. M. by the wind to the N. E. wind N. E. at 4 P. M. wind changed quite suddenly to the S. W. Double reefed topsails furled light sails jibb spanker & mainsail and kept ship at E. - One sail in sight steering S. W. Plenty of fish around the ship all day - caught some.

Lat at Merd 30.08

Long by Chron 42.19

Wednesday March 13th 1872

All day moderate breezes from the S. W. and W. and cloudy weather. Ship steering N. E. per compass with all sail out. - Nothing in sight all day - some fish and birds about the ship

Lat at Merd 28.46

Long by Chron. 40.42

Thursday March 14th 1872

All day light baffling winds from the N. W. and cloudy weather. Ship steering N. E. by N. with all sail out. - at 9 P. M. spoke Brig Rosa Baker Gifford of Boston clean-garnished with her sails. - had seen whales three times in about Lat 30 Long 45 - since last saw had struck one and hauled. In the P. M. water blue and looking good for sperm whales

Lat at Merd 37.01

Long by Chron. 39.50