

Ship Commodore Morris of New Bedford

Friday March 15th 1872

All day light baffling winds from all parts and light showers of rain - all night calm. Ship working to the N. with all sail out cruising all the P. M. calms. Just before sunset raised a school of Sperm Whales going moderate N. E. W. apparently much at hand. Lowered all four boats and chased without success.

Lat at Merid 26.33
Long by Cal. 39.50

Saturday March 16th 1872

All day light baffling winds from the S. E. and clear pleasant weather. Ship by the wind cruising on different tacks. Saw two sail standing to the N. and E. In the P. M. ship standing to the S. No Obs.

Sunday March 17th 1872

All day light baffling winds from the S. and calms. Nothing in sight all day.

Lat 26.39
Long 39.48

Monday March 18th 1872

Came in with light breeze from the S. E. and calms. Ship standing N. E. W. per compass. at 8 A. M. raised Sperm Whales going slow to N. E. chased them with all four boats. S. B. Boat struck and killed one 80 blb. and took him to the ship by 10 A. M. - S. B. got badly stove by the whale. Crew did not see the other whales after the boat fastened - at 11 A. M. commenced cutting and at 4 P. M. had him all cut in. Ends in good weather and nothing in sight.

Lat at Merid 26.12
Long by Chron. 39.41

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Chase One to S. B. Boat

Cruising In The South Atlantic Ocean

Tuesday March 19th 1872

Came in with moderate breezes from the S. E. and clear weather. Ship by the wind cruising on different tacks. Watch employed in boiling Pand doing other duty about deck. One sail in sight steering to the N. E.

Lat at Merid 26.28
Long by Chron 39.39

Wednesday March 20th 1872

Came in with light winds and squally weather. Ship steering to the N. W. and S. W. on different tacks wind from the S. E. - Saw two or three drift logs, but nothing more. Nothing indicating whales - all night lying aback.

Lat at Merid 26.08 W
Long by Chron. 39.35 W

Thursday March 21st 1872

All day light baffling winds from S. E. to N. E. and fine pleasant weather. Ship by the wind all the A. M. on different tacks cruising. Nothing in sight all day.

Lat at Merid 26.09
Long by Chron. 40.21

Friday March 22nd 1872

All day light baffling winds from the N. W. until 12 P. M. when wind changed suddenly to the S. W. and bad weather. Ship by the wind in the P. M. in the A. M. steering to the S. W. Nothing in sight all day.

Lat 27 10
Long 41.50

Saturday March 23rd 1872

All day light baffling winds from S. W. and overcast. Ship on different tacks working to the windward, cruising. Two sail in sight working to the S. W. - Nothing indicating whales but a few birds. At 6 P. M. wind to the S. E. but very light and baffling.

Lat 27 30 Long 42.51