

Ship Commodore Morris of New Bedford

Saturday May 11th 1872

Comes in with light air from E. to and fine weather. Ship steering in for Bridgetown - Barbadoes, at 7 P.M. lowered all 4 Boats for two Humpbacks. a small schooner said to belong to Barbadoes came to and lowered her boat for the same whales some fifteen minutes after we had hauled aboard. Main Boat went on and struck the Bull, there being two, and killed him - at 8 took him alongside and cut him in judge he will make about fifteen Blb. Took a Boat and went on shore at 9 A.M. Lying at anchor were Bk. Wave Herald & James Murray and Brig Starlight of New Bedford, and Brig Echo of Beverly.

Sunday May 12th 1872

Comes in with fresh E. trades with fine weather. Ship off and on at Barbadoes - all day - in the morn saw two or three humpbacks but they showed but little chance of striking - saw one sail run down for the harbor and come to in anchor.

Monday May 13th 1872

All day fine pleasant weather with N.E. trades - Ship lying off and on. Capt. & family on shore - at night all on board.

Tuesday May 14th 1872

All day fine pleasant weather with the N.E. trades - Ship lying off and on at Barbadoes - Capt. & family on shore, at 7 P.M. all on board and at 9 kept ship off for Dominica - One sail underway steering out to the north.

Took a Humpback

Cruising In The North Atlantic

Wednesday May 15th 1872

All these 24 hours strong N.E. trades and squally weather. Ship steering for Dominica - at 10 A.M. St. Lucia all plain in sight to leeward - at sunset saw the Isle of Martinique - saw three sail all steering to the north. at 12 midnight hove ship too off E side of Dominica.

Thursday May 16

All first part fresh N.E. trades - Ship off the E side of Dominica - at 8 A.M. hoveed and chased with all four boats Humpbacks without success - chased until 1 P.M. - saw about 20 altogether - after rounding the N.W. Head got becalmed and lay so for about 3 hours - in the mean time saw whales and lowered and chased with two Boats W & S boats - soon W Boat struck a whale - killed him in the evening - judge he will make about 20 Blbs.

Friday May 17th 1872

All day light baffling winds from all points of the compass - put out the boats and towed the ship into Prince Rupert Bay and anchoring about 2 P.M. - at anchor were Bk. Wave, Capt. Briggs of B. - came to in 7 fathoms of water with Port anchor and 30 fathoms of chain - found before we could have any communication with the people must obtain permit from Rosseau.

Saturday May 18th 1872

All day light fair and calm - 1st officer absent up to Rosseau for permit to water here at this place about 2 P.M. he returned with one all hands employed in breaking out after hold and stowing oil from between decks.