

Saw Whales

Took one to cl. B. Boat

Tuesday July 2nd 1872

Begins with fresh breezes from the S.W. and rather smoky weather. Ship steering E.N.E. with all sail out. at 8 A.M. saw a humpback breaching at 10 A.M. raised a school of Sperm Whales going slow W. lowered and chased with all four boats. Start. Bow Boat went in struck one (50 Bbls) killed him and got him to the ship by 2 P.M. the other Boats chasing school but could not fasten at 3 all Boats on Board hooked in and cut the whale got all in by seven and set the watch and started the works

Lat 37° 30' Long 39° 44'

Wednesday July 3rd 1872

Begins with fresh breezes from the S.W. and overcast and small squalls of rain. Ship steering by the wind to the S.W. and to the S.E. until 10 A.M. then wore ship steering S.E. under easy sail watch boiling. One sail in sight steering to the S.E. saw a few pieces of drift stuff and a few birds in Tidesrips all the A.M.

Lat 37° 54'

Long

Thursday July 4th 1872

All day light winds and pleasant weather. Ship cruising to the E with all sail out. Nothing in sight but finbacks and humpbacks. saw several breaching

Friday July 5th 1872

All day light winds from the S.W. and S.E. Ship steering to the E for Flores with all present sail out. cruising. Nothing in sight but finbacks and porpoises

Lat 38° 40'

Long 34° 50'

Saw Sperm Whales and

Took one 100 Bbls to W. Boat

Saturday July 6th 1872

All day light buffing winds from the S & S.E. and quite fine weather but little fog and somewhat overcast. Ship cruising toward Flores with all present sail out. saw finbacks and porpoises through the day at 4 P.M. raised two Sperm Whales going quite quick to the leeward. lowered and chased with all five Boats. 5th Main Boat str. chase struck. whale sounded and run quite bad but killed and took him alongside by sundown.

Lat at Whales 39° 04'

Long of do 32° 48'

Sunday July 7th 1872

All day light airs and calms. at 4 A.M. called all hands and hooked on to the whale and at 10¹/₂ had him all cut in. In the P.M. cleaned away head and started the works. saw three sail. spoke and sent a boat with letters on board of Bk. Kate Williams Steamer for Boston. saw two finbacks and two schools of porpoises. saw jellies and Vallow Drops. Good indications for whales.

Lat 38° 57'

Long 32° 44'

Monday July 8th 1872

All day light airs from S.W. & W. & calm. Ship steering to the E & N.E. cruising. Watch employed in boiling. saw several sail and one steamer all steering to the E but one Kate Williams steering to the W. saw several schools of porpoises and several do of Blackfish. some jellies Vallow drops and Vallow Drops. Good indications for whales

Lat 38° 59'

Long 32° 21'