

Thursday Oct. 3^d 1872

All day light breezes from S.E. and fine pleasant weather. Ship steering E.S.E. per compass with all sail out. Two sail in sight both steering to the E. Water blue and clear, saw two or three pieces of squid - some few shipjack. At sunset raised a large lone Sperm Whale ahead of the ship going slow to the leeward Dist about two miles - got boat ready but after spauling 10 times he turned flukes and went down - hauled aback fore and aft took in sail and let her lay for the night
Lat 38.26 of Whales 38.28
Long 38.36 of Whales 38.34

Friday Oct. 4th

First part fresh breezes from S.E. and squally weather. At daylight kept ship off E. under all sail with the hopes of falling in with the whale we saw last night - at 7 kept ship off N.E. per compass - saw several sail - one we call a whaler - at 8^{1/2} luffed the ship to the wind heading E.S.E. - at 9 raised a breck to the leeward - kept ship off and made out a school of Sperm Whales. Lowered and chased with four boats. Barb. Boat struck and killed one 75 Bbls. - Uno Boat kept after the school - about a dozen - and was joined by the third Boat. all chasing until near night but could not get on - Boats made several attempts to go on but whales were very wild hooked on to the whales & got his head off and body in by 9 P.M. I turned all hands below for the night

Lat at Merd 38.59
Long 38.08

Saturday Oct. 5th 1872

Comes in with strong breezes from the S.E.W. and fine pleasant weather. Ship lying under easy sail with a whales head alongside at daylight called all hands, hooked on and cut the whale's head in before breakfast. - wore ship made sail and stood to the W. - one sail in sight - saw one fin or humpback bleaching. Nothing more in sight all day. Employed in clearing away head boiling and doing other work about ship. Lat 39.07
Long 38.36

Sunday Oct. 6th 1872

Comes in with fresh breezes from the S.W. and squally weather. Watch employed in boiling and doing other work about the ship - Nothing in sight all day. In the P.M. blowing heavy with a very heavy cross sea running at dusk blowing so heavy and spray flying we were obliged to cool down the works

No Obs.

Monday Oct. 7th 1872

All day strong gales from the S.W. and some what squally weather. In the morn ship lying to under easy sail - at 8 a.m. kept ship off E.S.E. under close reefed maintop sail & foresail - at 10 a.m. started the works there being but little blubber to bail. In the P.M. set fore & main topsails, at 8 P.M. finished boiling - Nothing in sight all day - Ship steering off for the W.C.

Lat at Merd 37.59
Lat at Merd 38.34