

Barn Samuel Hooper Cruising

Friday June 22d 1877

Comes in with moderate breezes from S. S. E. per compass and thick foggy weather. Ship by the wind on different tacks with all prudent sail out cruising. Water rather blue all day. Nothing in sight but a few birds and two seals at 10 p.m. Throughout the mid of the day the fog was so that we could see a short distance perhaps a mile or a mile and a half. In the P. M. kept ship off to the N. W. under easy sail.

Lat. 60.20 N Long. 34.45 W

Saturday June 23d 1877

Comes in with moderate breezes from the S. S. E. (per compass) and overcast. Ship steaming N. W. cruising until 8 A.M. when hauled to the wind on Starb. tack. Nothing in sight all day. At 12 M. tacked ship to the S. W. Water blue all day but a few birds. At 5 P.M. sunset took in sail for the night. (light sails) No land.

Lat. 60.15 N Long. 35.19 W

Sunday June 24th 1877

Comes in with moderate breezes from the S. and overcast with fog and small rain. Ship by the wind to the E. and E. S. with all prudent sail out. All the A. M. wind baffled at 12 M. had settled at S. S. E. per compass. E. S. E. with showers of small rain. In the P. M. strong breeze at 6 P. M. a gale from S. S. E. and rain.

At 2 P. M. saw two Sulphur Bottoms going on to the S. W. At 4 P. M. ship heading S. W. and took up upper topsails jib, Spanker and main sail. At 8 P. M. hove to under lower maintop sail, fore & main staysails.

No Obs. for Lat. Long. 34.20 W

Monday June 25th 1877

Comes in with moderate breezes from the W. having changed suddenly from S. E. to W. about 11 this morning. With light rain and fog and mist and a heavy swell from the same quarter all through the A. M. light winds in the P. M. Saw one Sulphur Bottom one school of Horses and one do Grampus and porpoises. Water dark bluish nothing in it but a few birds seen today.

Lat. 60.14 N

For Sperm and Right Whales in 1877

Tuesday June 26th 1877

Comes in with moderate breezes from the W. and overcast but at 8 A.M. clear up in and pleasant and calm. Saw through the day one Square head Grampus Two schools of porpoises and some three or four schools of Horses. In the A. M. started the water sailing out the calf whale we took out Sunday or week. In the P. M. took a light breeze from the E. S. E. keeping the ship S. W. per compass. All night squall weather ship under easy sail.

Lat. 59.48 N Long. 35.15 W

Wednesday June 27th

Comes in with a gale of wind and rain from S. S. E. Ship by the wind to the S. W. under easy sail. Lower maintop sail and storm staysails. Watch employed in coiling. Got through about 9 A.M. turning up on deck two casks 20 bbls. A portion of the oil that had run out of the blubber had escaped through the open cork in the tank in which we had put the blubber. The first intimation we had of the same was obtained by starting the pumps to pump ship. Saw through the day two Sulphur Bottoms & Three schools of porpoises. At night the weather looked lowering and threatening much like rain.

Lat. 58.57 N Long. 35.15 W

Thursday June 28th

Comes in with strong gales from the S. and squally weather with a heavy swell from S. W. Ship by the wind to under easy sail. Barometer low and still going down at 8 A.M. 28.60 water after green. Saw several Sulphur Bottoms through the day. At 10 A.M. clouds began breaking away and Barom. commenced rising. Wind heading to the E. made some sail but the swell so heavy ship makes no progress.

At 12 wind N. made sail and kept ship S. W. per compass. In the P. M. fresh gales from N. W. with squalls of rain and fog. Ship steering S. S. W. at 8 P. M. blowing strong took in upper topsails. Nothing more in sight all day. Ship steering for Camilla & Cam. Morris Grounds cruising for Sperm Whales.

Lat. 58.52 N Long. 34.16 W