

Bark Draco of New Bedford

Wednesday April 24th 1844

127 Begins with a hard gale from the SSE and cloudy heading & barometer at noon 30 at 6 PM 29.75 Mid and latter the same barometer 29.75 squally

Lat 33 26 S Long 80 50 E

Thursday April 25th 1844

128 Begins with strong gales from SSE and squally heading & sudden close reefed top sails latter part more moderate but a reef out of the top sail.

129 Lat 32 13 S Long 81 52 E

Friday April 26th 1844

Begins with fresh breezes from SSE and cloudy heading & at 4 PM moved ship to the SSW Mid and latter light airs & 0 Obs

Saturday April 27th 1844

130 Begins with a calm and cloudy at 6 PM barometer 29.75 Mid part the same latter light airs from SSW and clear Lat 33 34 S Long 82 35 E

Sunday April 28th 1844

131 Begins with light breezes from the W and sail set steering S by E at 4 PM the wind veered to the SSW fresh breezes took the light sails Mid part double reefed latter more moderate made all sail heading ESE wind S Lat 33 48 Long 75 45 E

Monday April 29th 1844

132 Begins with gentle breezes from the S and cloudy heading & ESE Mid part calm latter part fresh breezes from the SSW steering S by E ran a bark steering ENE

Lat 34 22 S Long 87 20 E

Tuesday April 30th 1844

133 Begins with fresh breezes from the SSW and clear steering S by E Mid and latter part the same

Lat 34 14 S Long 90 00 E

Wednesday May 1st 1844

134 Begins gentle breezes from the WSW and cloudy steering S by E all sail at 6 AM the wind veered to a strong breeze double reefed the top sail & 0

Lat 34 32 S Long 92 35 E

On A Whaling Voyage

Thursday May 2nd 1844

135 Begins with fresh breezes from the S and cloudy heading & ESE Mid and latter part light breezes Lat 34 18 S Long 94 50 E

Friday May 3rd 1844

136 Begins with light breezes from the SSW and cloudy steering & ESE all sail set Mid and latter part the same at 9 AM ran a dead sperm whale went to him found him to be not young but took him to the ship and began to cut so in 2 or 3 hrs

137 Saturday May 4th 1844
Begins with light airs and calm in place of in cutting found it had work the heavy tender got most of the body in latter part rainy finished cutting employed in boiling 40 Obs

Sunday May 5th 1844

138 Begins with light airs and calm and showers of rain employed in boiling 9 pins that the patent windlass works well so men can heave a whale in easier than 18 can with handspikes Mid and latter part the same Lat 35 53 S Long 96 51 E

Monday May 6th 1844

139 Begins with gentle breezes from the SSE and cloudy heading & finished boiling at 5 PM Mid and latter part light breezes from S heading ESE made sail employed in cleaning the deck a more dirty mess I never saw we got about 50 blks of good oil Lat 35 21 Long 97 48

Tuesday May 7th 1844

140 Begins with light breezes from the S and cloudy heading from E to ESE all work Mid and latter part the same Lat 35 00 Long 98 31

Wednesday May 8th 1844

141 Begins with gentle breezes from the S and squally heading & to ESE Mid and latter part wind S steering ESE set the steering sails ran five tracks employed in fitting for whaling Lat 35 32 S Long 100 50 E