

Ship Cruising for Right Whales

Wednesday Dec. 25-1878

This day am fine weather moderate wind from the S.W. Ship on the track in search of Whales nothing in sight but Birds at Sun down Shortened Sail Ship heading to the West. (Mid Part Calm) Latter Part fine weather light breeze from the South. emp doing ordinary Ships duty on board nothing in sight.

Thursday Dec. 26-1878

This day am cloudy weather with light airs from S. of the S.E. Steaming West by am doing odd jobs on board & nothing in sight at Sun down Shortened sail Mid Part Calm Latter Part fine weather light airs from the East Steaming West emp breaking out water and steering clear. B Sail nothing in sight.

(Lat. 37° 5' S, S
(Long. 21° 57' W)

Friday Dec. 27-1878

This day am fine weather light breeze from the N.E. Steaming West by. In forenoon three Boats at 10 P.M. after B Fish on rollers but did not see them after Boats came in board then Shortened Sail, Mid Part about the same Latter Part fine weather moderate wind from the West to the S.W. Ship on the Western tack emp doing ordinary Ships duty on board one Sail in sight.

(Lat. 37° 45' S
(Long. 22° 42' W)

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Saturday Dec. 28-1878

This day am fine weather light winds from S. E. to the S. E. Ship heading to the West in search of Whales one Sail in sight at sun down Shortened Sail, spoke and sailed the Star Ringer Mid Part about the same Latter Part hazy weather moderate breeze from the North. Ship heading to the N.W. with all prudent sail set.

Sunday Dec. 29-1878

This day am fine weather strong breeze from the N.W. Ship on the West tack with all prudent sail set Rose B Fish toward four Boats struck two B fish the line parted from me the two Boats from the other and lost them Boats came and see & other Board at sun down Shortened Whales Mid Part breezing on at four in the morning. Here two in the Port tack and took in fore Bop. Sail Latter Part blowing a moderate Gale saw a Right whale the weather not fit to lower a Boat.

(Lat. 37° 00' S
(Long. 24° 15' W)

Monday Dec. 30-1878

This day am more moderate strong breeze from the North. Steaming up where we saw the whale nothing in sight but five Backs Mid Part the same Latter Part for Right Whales went down three Boats L Boat captured the Boats towed her on board her more went down three Boats but did not.

(Lat. 38° 56' S
(Long. 23° 44' W)