

Journal of a Whaling Voyage in the Brig Albatross

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Tuesday May 21st 40° 34' 76° 57'
 All of this day five whales
 from the N.E. at 8 A.M. got under way at
 12 passed through quicksand hole, then steered
 S.W. at 4 P.M. changed Boatscrews and Watched
 Starboard. Watch first out, at 11 P.M. passed
 the Retrieve.

Wednesday May 22nd 39° 25' 71° 13'
 all day light air at
 daylight could just see the Retrieve at 10 A.M.
 doubled twice for Blackfish. The Starboard
 Boat got one Saw Finback Whales
 steered S.W. all sail set Wind N.W.

Thursday May 23rd 37° 07' 71° 42'
 All of this day blowing
 fresh from the N.E. steering S.W. employed
 in Ship's duty all hands hauled saw Blackfish
 at 6 P.M. took in the Main Sail blowing fresh

Friday May 24th 35° 30' 70° 42'
 first half of the day blowing
 fresh from the N.E. steering S.W. at 2 A.M.
 were in the Stream, at 4 doubled the
 Foretop Sail and set the Topsail, steering S.W.
 at 10 more Moderate, set the Foretop Sail
 at 6 A.M. were out of the Stream, making 4 hours
 across, at 2 P.M. set the Jib and Main Topmast
 Stay Sail, steering S.W. light air
 caught one Blackfish so ended this day.

Saturday May 25th 34° 27' 71° 14'
 first half of this day light
 breezes from the N.W. steering S.W. at 12
 A.M. the Wind hauled W.S.W. set the Main Sail
 and hauled on the Wind heading S.W. employed
 in Ship's duty standing by the Shore and
 Main, set up the Main Masthead Board, tried
 out the Blackfish Blubber, standing half Watched
 Boatscrews heading them