

Journal of a Whaling Voyage in the Brig Alatahama

Thursday June 20th Lat 30° 24' N Long 51° 32' W
first and middle part of this day calm at 4 P.M. took a fine breeze from the S.E. standing on the Wind heading E. & E. several Sails in sight at 5 P.M. spoke the ship Blanche from New York bound to Martinique, got a Newspaper from him dated June the 3rd.

Friday June 21st Lat 30° 32' N Long 51° 43' W
All of this day fresh breezes from the S. and S.W. heading E. & E. and S. by E employed in ship's duty, saw porpoises and one sunfish, one sail in sight steering to the N.E.

Saturday June 22nd Lat 30° 30' N Long 51° 42' W
All of this day fine breezes from the S steering E. & E. until 4 P.M. the Wind headed up off to E by S, employed in ship's duty, 4 Sails in sight heading N.E.

Sunday June 23rd Lat 30° 33' N Long 53° 06' W
All of this day fine breezes, first part Wind S at 12 A.M. hauled to the S.W. heading E. & E. and S.E. three Sails in sight. Merchantmen

Monday June 24th Lat 30° 44' N Long 52° 12' W
All of this day fine breezes from the S standing on the Wind heading E. & E. saw two Merchantmen, hauled with the A. Blake, so ends this day.

Tuesday June 25th Lat 30° 50' N Long 51° 58' W
first part of this day Wind S latter part S.W. first part stood to the Westward at 9 A.M. tacked ship standing on the Wind S.E. in sight of the Blake several Merchantmen in sight working to the Southward.

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Wednesday June 26th Lat 30° 14' N Long 49° 26' W
first part of this day fresh breeze latter light from the S.W. steering S.E. by E saw three Sails in sight one the Blake. Rattled down the Starboard side of the Main Rigging, so ends this day.

Thursday June 27th Lat 30° 11' N Long 48° 07' W
All of this day light air from the Westward heading to the Southward and Eastward employed in ship's duty, three Sails in sight.

Friday June 28th Lat 29° 50' N Long 48° 07' W
this day light breezes from the Westward heading to the Eastward, three Sails in sight Merchantmen, rattled down the Starboard fore rigging, and part of the Main, caught two Dolphins.

Saturday June 29th Lat 30° 18' N Long 47° 35' W
All of this day calm and very warm nothing in sight, finished Rattling the Main rigging, at sundown lowered the Boats to practice the Boat's crew.

Sunday June 30th Lat 30° 43' N Long 47° 14' W
All of this day light air from the S.W. steering E very moderate, and very smooth, one sail in sight Merchantmen, so ends this day, very homesick and very anxious to see Whales.

Monday July 1st Lat 30° 52' N Long 47° 04' W
first half of this day calm latter part fine breezes from the N.E. heading E. & E. saw Frigates Albatross and Porpoise. At 7 P.M. saw a Commet Star bearing N.