

Journal of a Whaling voyage in the Brigg Alatahama

Monday July 15th Lat 32:46 N Long 45:12 W
 All of this day fine breezes from the E. S. E.
 Steered N. by W. until 12 I. to the
 Wind heading to the S. E. saw one Gail
 standing to the S. W. employed in ship
 duty. Setting up the headstays and lower
 fore Rigging, saw flying squid

Tuesday July 16th Lat 32:40 N Long 45:31 W
 All of this day fine breezes from the E. S. E.
 cruising, steering N. and N. E. and standing
 to the Southward, employed in ship duty set
 up the middle fore and aft stays and the
 Starboard Main rigging, saw Grampasses,

Wednesday July 17th Lat 33:18 N Long 45:24 W
 All of this day fine breezes from the Eastward
 standing on the wind tack and tack, saw
 Grampasses and Porpoises,

Thursday July 18th Lat 32:06 N Long 45:13 W
 All of this fine breezes from the E. S. E.
 standing on the Wind heading S. and S. E.
 saw Porpoises some flying squid

Friday July 19th Lat 32:06 N Long 45:15 W
 All of this day fine breezes from the Eastward
 heading S. E. on one tack and on the other
 saw Grampasses and Porpoises,
 water thick with tattered drops, passed a ship
 Merchantman standing on the Wind heading N. E.

Saturday July 20th Lat 32:38 N Long 45:34 W
 All of this day light baffling airs, employed
 in ship duty, working to the Eastward,
 one Merchant vessel in sight, saw Grampasses
 Porpoises, caught one shark and four Dolphin and
 three Pilot fish, so ends this day,

Benjamin B. Handys Master July, 1861

Sunday July 21st Lat 32:50 N Long 45:31 W
 All of this day calm, but very little air, one
 Merchant vessel in sight, saw quite a number of
 Grampasses, one Dolphin, very smooth, so ends this day,
 two months out and no oil, in hope to get some soon,

Monday July 22nd Lat 33:12 N Long 44:15 W
 All of this day light airs from the E. S. E.
 steering E, employed in ship duty,
 lowered for sharp fin Blackfish, in sight
 of the Merchant vessel so ends this day
 a great many Grampasses in sight

Tuesday July 23rd Lat 33:20 N Long 44:00 W
 All of this day light airs from the E. S. E.
 working to the Eastward but making but
 very little headway, saw Porpoises, one Gail in sight

Wednesday July 24th Lat 32:55 N Long 43:21 W
 All of this day light breezes from the Eastward
 standing on the Wind, tack and tack cruising,
 employed in ship duty, saw Grampasses and
 one Shark, three Merchant vessels in sight
 so ends these twentyfour hours,

Thursday July 25th Lat 32:55 N Long 43:21 W
 All of this day fine breezes from the E. S. E.
 standing on the wind heading S. E. several
 Merchant vessels in sight, so ends this day,

Friday July 26th Lat 32:12 N Long 43:12 W
 All of this day fine breezes from the E. S. E.
 steering by the wind heading to the Southward
 employed in ship duty, one Gail in sight,
 saw Grampasses, at 6 P. M. lowered the Boat and
 took a large piece of timber alongside,
 caught quite a number of logfish, then cast
 it adrift.