

Journal of a Whaling voyage in the Brig Matamaha

Saturday August 31<sup>st</sup> Lat 29:58 N Long 45:51 W  
All of this day fine breeze from the E. S. E. steering W. S. W. employed in ship's duty, saw Porpoise

Sunday September 1<sup>st</sup> Lat 29:43 N Long 44:45 W  
first part of of this day light breeze from the E. S. E. steering W. S. W. all sail set, the middle part of the day moderate, at 4 P. M. he shortened sail steering W. wind N. E. light, the water looking very good.

Monday September 2<sup>nd</sup> Lat 29:22 N Long 43:41 W  
first part of this day light breeze from the E. W. steering to the N. E. S. W. latter part calm. employed in ship's duty nothing in sight

Tuesday Sept 3<sup>rd</sup> Lat 29:31 N Long 46:01 W  
first part of this day light breeze from the Westward standing in the wind heading N. W. at 12 A. M. took ship, wind from the Northward steering W. S. W. saw Grampasses,

Wednesday Sept 4<sup>th</sup> Lat 29:54 N Long 46:57 W  
first part of this day light breeze and Squall middle and latter part fresh breeze from the E. S. E. steering W. S. W. and W. by N.

Thursday September 5<sup>th</sup> Lat 29:45 N Long 49:16 W  
All of this day fresh breeze from the Eastward steering W. by N. Squally with Rain, carrying Fore sail Fore top sail Main stay sail and Main try sail. Standing half Watches Boatwatches heading the Watches.

Friday September 6<sup>th</sup> Lat 29:05 N Long 50:51 W  
first part of this day fine breeze and squally from the Eastward and Northward latter part fine from the E. S. E. steering W. by N. carrying the Fore top sail

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Saturday September 7<sup>th</sup> Lat 29:08 N Long 52:27 W  
All of this day fine breeze and pleasant from the E. E. steering W. by N. employed in ship's duty, breaking out water and filling empty cask with salt water at 6 P. M. raised a school of Sperm Whales going to the Northward, a very large school of cows and calves covered the boats and got 2, got them along side about 8 P. M., set quarter Watches, 2 Whales.

Sunday September 8<sup>th</sup> Lat 29:29 N Long 53:19 W  
All of this day fine breeze from the E. S. E. at daylight commenced cutting in. fine he cut 10 A. M. and commenced trying out, kept the net of N. W. by W. carrying all sail at 12 P. M. had the head tried out.

Monday Sept 9<sup>th</sup> Lat 30:12 N Long 54:35 W  
All of this day fine breeze from the Eastward steering N. W. by W. all sail set a 6 P. M. had the oil tried out and stowed down, and decks cleared up. Making 48 hours since we raised or struck the Whales, saw a large piece of Squid, and, a jumper Breach,

Tuesday Sept 10<sup>th</sup> Lat 30:51 N Long 57:17 W  
All of this day light breeze from the Eastward steering N. W. by W. carry all sail employed in ship's duty. Saw Grampasses.

Wednesday Sept 11<sup>th</sup> Lat 31:04 N Long 59:55 W  
first and middle part of this day light air from the E. and Northward latter part from the N. E. heading W. S. W. and N. W. by W. saw Grampasses

Thursday September 12<sup>th</sup> Lat 31:27 N Long 59:06 W  
All of this day light air from the Northward and Eastward steering N. W. employed in ship's duty, saw Grampasses and piece of Squid. the water looking very thick and good with tall drift and hayhead