

Journal of a Whaling Voyage in the Brig Napoleon

Thursday August 8th Lat 34-33 Long 72-44 W
 first of these 24 hours light air from NW at 2
 P.M. Wind hauled to East Steering N. by W
 saw Porpoises and Albicore, at 2 P.M. Wind
 hauled to S.E. at 6 steered N.W. by W 3 sails
 in sight, saw a bark steering E. by S with no
 Main-legalant-Mast. jinked the spare craft.

Friday August 9th Lat 36-00 Long 72-57 W
 first of these 24 hours fine breeze from the S.W.
 steering S. by W. and at 3 P.M. steered N. by W
 at 7 steered N. by W, at 11 were to the Northern
 edge of the Stream, at 1 P.M. steered S. until
 6 then steered N. by E the rest of the day
 at 9 sent down the Cutting Straps and Eys,
 Baining the remainder of the day, 8 sails in sight
 Most of them steering to the Northward, saw one
 Blackfish and Porpoise

Saturday October 10th Lat 38-00 Long 73-00 W
 first of these 24 hours, fresh Smoking S.W. Wind Baining
 steering S. by E at 5 P.M. saw a School of Black
 fish at 7 took in the Legalant-Sail, Gaff-top-sail and
 Main-sail, fished the fish, at half a past 8 sounded
 to Bottom, at 10 steered N. by E, at 12 bore the Head
 no Bottom, steering N. by E, at 6 P.M. bore the Head
 found Bottom 50 fathoms. More pleasant Wind S.W.
 made all sail steering N. put the Boat's craft and
 Gung down the Hold, at 9 bore the Head 85 fathoms
 Black Sand, at 11 Wind hauled to the N.E. took
 Ship headings by the Wind at 11 took in the Legalant

Sunday October 11th Lat 39-45 Long 73-44 W
 first of these 24 hours fresh breeze from the S.E. Baining
 steering to the N.W. Several Sails in sight at
 2 P.M. lowered a boat and spoke the Schooner
 of 80 tons from Philadelphia bound to Boston
 Lat 39-44 Long 73-45 at 3 P.M. the Wind headed
 us of to W. took Ship headings S.E. and E. by S,
 at 6 took in the Gaff-top-sail and Main-top-sail
 at 10 put one reef in the Top-sail and 2 reefs in the
 Main-sail, took Ship heading N. by W at 1 P.M. bore
 the Head 25 fathoms, at daylight made the Good Point on
 the Weather Bow 10 miles dist. to the Westward of Fire Island light
 at 4 took Ship heading S. by E. Baining fresh with a heavy
 sea saw several reefs, at 12 took Ship heading towards
 the land

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Monday October 12th Lat 40-29 Long 74-00 W
 Baining fresh from S.E. Mander S. by W in fore
 under Double-reefed Main-sail, double-reefed Staysail, Main-
 Staysail, Dore-top-mast Staysail and Fore-sail at 2 P.M.
 took heading of Shore S.E. spoke a New York Pilot
 Boat at 6 took in the Fore-sail and Main-sail set
 the Top-sail. Foggy with Rain.

Tuesday October 13th Lat 41-00 Long 74-00 W
 first of these 24 hours more moderate but a heavy
 sea running Wind S.E. standing to the S.E. by the wind
 until half a past 5 P.M. bore the Head no Bottom
 set the Fore-sail and fore Ship Staysail, set the Main-sail
 at 3 P.M. bore the Head 30 fathoms, later fresh breeze
 and less sea running at 8 P.M. set the Main-sail
 Gaff-top-sail fished and turned the reef out the Fore-
 Staysail at 4 bore the Head 20 fathoms several Sails
 in sight

Wednesday October 14th Lat 42-00 Long 74-00 W
 first of these 24 hours fresh breeze from S.E.
 standing on the Wind heading S. by E at 1 P.M.
 at 2 P.M. sailed the Land Jersey Schooner of Barnegat
 Light at 3 lowered the Boat for fish, at 5 bore
 within 12 miles of the beach 7 miles to the Northward
 of the Light, took Ship headings of Shore to the East S.E.
 set the Legalant-sail, a number of reefs in sight
 Wind light and baffling, later past fresh breeze wind
 S. by E at 6 P.M. took Ship heading N. by W

Thursday October 15th Lat 43-00 Long 74-00 W
 fresh breeze from S.E. at 2 P.M. raised the
 Fore-sail of Wiland Kearsick at 2 took Ship heading
 to the Eastward spoke the Pilot Boat Claring
 Walter of New York N.Y. at 3 took Ship heading
 S. by W wind baffling at 6 took Ship heading
 at 4 took in the Gaff-top-sail Fore-legalant-sail
 Main-top-mast Staysail and put one reef in the Fore-
 Staysail the Weather looking very bad raining at
 1 P.M. took Ship set the Gaff-sail Gaff-top-sail
 at 6 kept of for Sandy hook, Wind S.E. at 11 came
 to an anchor 5 1/2 fathoms Water