

Sunday March April 4

Lat 24.9 N Long 40-00 W - Very hot with light breeze, course S, saw 3 seals this morning at the same time, 2 bound E & 1 N.W. all crossed our bow. A large water-sprout on our quarter at 8 A.M. - about half a mile off.

Monday Eve Apr 5

Nearly at calm all day, six sail in sight from mast head, two from deck, lowered all the boats at gun set for practice the first time some of the crew ever pulled our oar. & after a few miles race returned puffing good. Thermometer 90 in shade at noon.

Lat 20.19 N Long 31-21.

Tuesday Eve Apr 6

Lat 17.50 N Long 35.58

Cabin hot as an oven, good breeze on deck, sprak a U.S. Bark at 3 1/2 P.M. bound N.E. At 6 1/2 the joyfull cry of "There Hare" was heard & a general rush for deck was at once made. It was a school of black fish passing the ship side to near dark to come for them, a good cigar of sperm fish.

Thursday Eve Apr 8

Lat 15.43 N Long 38-49 W. We are now on what is considered good whaling ground & consequently some changes have been made such as tacking in sail every night & keeping my watch in the rigging from sun rise till sun set - The salt of our potatoes were thrown over to day. Potatoes & turneps got wet the first day or two out & are a dead loss all being rotten.

Friday Apr 13

About 1 P.M. we ran into a large school of sperm whales before we saw them & becoming frightened they ran to windward - Saw another school about 6 P.M. hope to find them to-morrow under

more favorable circumstances

Lat 14-06 N Long 38-26 W

Saturday Eve April 24

This eve we gained the schooner "Susan M. Smith" of Boston 14 months out with 300 barrels sperm. Capt. Rounselle Master. he enquired after Leo when he saw the letter I made home & told me he was in "Bonice" with him, was sailing master U.S. N. Lat 12 N. Long 40 W.

Sunday Eve Apr 25

We this eve gained the schooner S. M. Smith for the second time & Henry B. Rowles of S. M. came to see me about 4 P.M. & stayed till 10 P.M. had a very pleasant time.

Sunday May 2nd 1864

Lat 16.20 N Long 42.15 W

Nothing of importance has transpired during the past week. Neither whale or sail has been seen & a general dissatisfaction is felt, yesterday we started for the west in hopes of better luck. It is very hot here, but the trade winds which are steady from East to West at this season make it much pleasanter & cooler than it would otherwise be. Only 2 gallons of porpoise oil taken yet.

Thursday May 6th

The boats were lowered about 4 P.M. for black fish. after pulling about 3 hours, boats returned with one fish. one escaped after the iron was put into him.

Friday busy cutting blubber. black fish made about 1 1/2 barrels oil. our first barrel is the center of attraction. black fish is the sign of sperm within 3 days.

Sunday May 9th Lat 30 N Long 35 W Course N.E. by N. sea was covered with whales all day to day, & the sea nearly dead calm, but no boats were lowered. Capt. too drunk to take fish. great dissatisfaction is manifested by all hands.