

Journal on board

A.C.

June 1870

Sunday June 12

Pleasant and quiet until after noon when we were almost sure we saw sperm whales again but they proved to be killers

Monday June 13

Good weather was working on the main-top sail cutting the foot off. nothing to be seen and well, don't want to

Tuesday June 14

Pleasant weather throughout the day but the fore staysail. no work going on more a school of blackfish in sight

Wednesday June 15

A fine day but rather dull for we saw a whaleship the first we have seen. nothing more in sight and no work going on

Thursday June 16

Nice weather at four in the morning sperm whales were raised. but they were to windward and we did not lower until 8 o'clock when all of the boats lowered and all got fast but the third mate struck a small calf and cut from him each of the other boats got a whale each cut in one whale

Friday June 17th

Finished cutting at eight in the morning was boiling the remainder of the day nothing more in sight Lat. 35° 5' N. Lon. 58° 5' W.

Saturday June 18

Cloudy and thick fog but was boiling all day and got out about 25 bbls. rained throughout the night

Sunday June 19

A calm today. finished boiling in the afternoon nothing to be seen but now we feel better that this greasy oil is tried out and there is a chance for more sleeping on deck

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Monday June 20th 70

Squally during the day broke out some small stores and stowed down 70 bbls. of oil which was all we had on deck. we now have 165 bbls of sperm oil so much towards a voyage

Tuesday June 21st

More squally weather but what matters it when there is no work to do. one sail in sight

Wednesday June 22

Good weather lowered for a turtle but he was too quick. I sent for us at least we did not get him. one sail in sight

Thursday June 23

A little change today for half of the day was pleasant the other half not nothing to do and nothing to see

Friday June 24

The sun rose this morning as usual and after giving us his glorious light and warmth about fourteen hours set again I don't know that we profited much by it we did not see anything, or do anything either

Saturday June 25

Good weather during the day, and the only difference between today and yesterday. we saw a school of blackfish and the second mate lowered for them. but without success

Sunday June 26

Rather unpleasant weather this morning. but before noon the clouds dispersed. and we had the benefit of the sun. but it did not disclose anything except the wild waste of water

Monday June 27th

Another pleasant day to record and the weather is the principle thing to write about of myself and feelings I do not choose to write for I don't know exactly how I feel saw two whaling schooners