

Journal on board

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June 1872

Wednesday May 29th

A strong breeze accompanied by rain
nothing going on. three whales in
sight and finbacks humpbacks &c

Thursday May 30th

Good Weather

Friday May 31st

Must be passed over

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Saturday June 1st

Nice weather. but it is the same thing
over and over. once in a while some old
box of a blubber hunter goes - apparently -
drifting by. like ourselves

Sunday June 2nd

Calm all day. not a thing to be seen

Monday June 3rd

Nothing in sight from the mast-
head. and there is - as a general thing -
more to be seen and heard from deck
around than from the masthead
(and not the slightest necessity for
looking over the rail either.

Tuesday June 4th

Calm. and rainy for the first
twelve hours. but the remainder
of the day was pleasant. So much
for the weather and as for what
we did I shall say less

Wednesday June 5th

Calm the first half of the day
but after noon the wind began
to blow from the south and
merchautan in sight

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Thursday June 6th

No wind until after 12 noon. then had a
good breeze from the N. and some rain
shortened sail as usual at 4 1/2 nothing
in sight except a few finbacks

Friday June 7th

A light breeze throughout the day
nothing in sight. put up a new
main-top-gallant-backstay which took
the greater part of the last two days

Saturday June 8th

A strong breeze during the day. were
under double reefed topsails and at
night we close reefed. of course if we
don't work in fair weather we can't (Wier foul

Sunday June 9th

A strong wind. was under close reef main-
topsail. got out some water this morning
notwithstanding it was the Sabbath.
but is it not lawful to eat and drink
on the Sabbath day? Six days shalt thou
labor and do all thy work

Monday June 10th

Calm today and there rolling around
under double reefed topsails jib and
spanker. nothing in sight and our
week's work was completed yesterday
I think

Tuesday June 11th

A light breeze but a rough sea
saw a school of humpbacks in the afternoon
and run off for them until we found out
what they was. then close reefed