

Journal on board

S.P.O. 11 June 1872

Wednesday June 12

A light breeze from the N.W. but we were under close reefed top sails foresail jib and spanker. the same things to be seen from aloft

Thursday June 13

A gale of wind from the South was under close reefed main top sail of course no lookouts on such a day

Friday June 14

The wind was high and the clouds were dark in the morning but in the afternoon we were looking around to see if a sperm whale was near and I suppose if so we would try him

Saturday June 15

A light breeze but did not haul out more sail than double reefed top sails. nothing in sight. porpoises finbacks and humpbacks excepted

Sunday June 16

Very pleasant with a light breeze from the S.W. was under double reefed top sails during the day and at night close reefed. and what of it?

Monday June 17

Good Weather

Tuesday June 18

Very fine weather during the day. was steering W. S. W. under main top gallant sail, which has not been taken in for the last two or three days. a thing rather uncommon for us. nothing to do which is some thing usual

Bark Alfred Gibbs

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Wednesday June 19

A fine breeze from the South was steering W. S. W. finbacks humpbacks of sulphur bottomed porpoises and almost any kind of sea-fish. animals and birds to be seen here except sperm whales

Thursday June 20

Better weather could not well be. humpbacks playing around the ship by thousands almost! but sperm whales did not try it. great quantities of squid was seen. they could be far off

Friday June 21

Cloudy and squally in the morning but in the afternoon it was pleasant humpbacks have not deserted us entirely yet. but their number has rapidly diminished during the day steered W. S. W. but at night heeled to

Saturday June 22

Dark and dreary. cloudy and damp was under double reefed top sails. nothing in sight but sulphur bottomed in the afternoon got out water flour. and so on

Sunday June 23

Every thing still and quiet except the ship which was rolling heavily

Monday June 24

Fine though not fair weather. was under whole top sails. finbacks and one merchant ship in sight but nothing more. no work going on. and I don't think we had ought to work too hard on the feed we get. but it suits me better this way than good feed and much hard work