

Journal on board

S.P.O. 11 March 1873

Saturday Mar. 1st

A strong breeze from the South.
 Ginbacks and humpbacks - by thousands - around us. this afternoon
 we gammed the John Carver and
 had a pretty good time

Sunday March 2nd

A strong breeze from the South.
 nothing in sight but the Carver.
 this is extremely dull and this day
 I could enjoy gamming well.

Monday March 3rd

Nothing to be seen from deck and
 no men aloft. was under a double
 reefed main topsail and foresail
 Lat. $34^{\circ} 50'$ min Lon. $74^{\circ} 35'$ min

Tuesday March 4th

Quite pleasant and this morning
 a sail was reported off the lee bow
 glasses were brought out and she
 was closely scanned and called
 a new comer so we squared in -
 ran down and gammed the
 John Carver.

Wednesday March 5th

Pleasant: the question seems to be
 'how long before we will get another
 whale?' and one that of course
 none can answer. wind South

Thursday March 6th

Course S.E. and good weather
 perhaps a little too foggy to be
 particularly pleasant or to see
 objects at a great distance

Bark Alfred Gibbs

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Friday March 7th

"Pride may live in his mansion large
 Have everything that's grand
 May court smiles from ladies fair
 And drive his two in hand
 May deem himself an A 1 great
 Perhaps an archetype
 But for his wealth I'd not give up
 My dear old merchandise pipe
 Tobacco day

Saturday Mar. 8th

Our course this morning - the wind
 being North - was S by E. with some
 rain to go with it. but before ten
 A.M. we had good weather with a
 S. wind. J. Carver in sight

Sunday Mar. 9th

Pleasant: was under double reefed top
 sails and courses. in the afternoon
 gammed the John Carver

Monday Mar. 10th

A strong breeze from the South
 nothing in sight except two sail
 and humpbacks. we was steering
 N. E.

Tuesday Mar. 11th

A pleasant day. with a light
 S.E. wind. then whales in sight
 and all running E. S.E. really if
 it was not so early I would say
 we were all going in for

Wednesday Mar. 12th

Good weather with a light breeze
 from the S.W. was on the Starboard
 tack steering S.E. nothing in
 sight