

Journal of a whaling voyage

Wednesday May 3rd

This day was heavy swell from south sparring to westward by the wind see black fish and fin backs.

lat 9°31' S lon 9°02' E

Thursday May 4th

This day was heavy swell from south with quite fresh breeze from south see fin backs and porpoises laying on port tack to westward

lat 9°44' S lon 7°58' E

Friday May 5th

This day quite fresh breeze and rough laying on western tack

lat 9°52' S lon 6°51' E

Saturday May 6th

This day was pleasant weather tacked ship at 2 P.M. lay on eastern tack

lat 10°17' S lon 5°45' E

Sunday May 7th

This day good weather see porpoises laying on western tack

lat 10°28' S 5°25' E

Joseph Gross Master

Monday May 8th

This day good weather laying on western tack part of the day and after tacked ship and lay to the eastward

lat 11°12' S lon 4°42' E

Tuesday May 9th

This day pleasant breeze laying on starboard tack to the eastward

lat 11°08' S lon 5°46' E

Wednesday May 10th

This day was pleasant breeze laying on starboard tack to the south east

lat 11°15' S lon 7°12' E

Thursday May 11th

This day was good weather see porpoises laying on starboard tack broke out its top sails and him employed all day in cutting them over for double top sails

lat 11°39' S lon 5°23' E

Friday May 12th

This day was pleasant weather at 4 P.M. see breeches on weather bow but could not decide what it was

lat 11°41' S lon 9°21' E