

Dec 21 First part of this day comes with light breeze wind and pleasant weather Bk cruising with all sails out. ~~Even~~ employed at various ship duty saw one whaling Bk lately. found it was not whaler at 2.30 raised white water by two Santos and running off for him at 4 o'clock. make out it was school of sperm whales but gone very fast. kept going after it at 6.45 P.M. got near and lowered W.B. got fast and then all other boats fast at 10.30 at night got on board. latter strong breeze employed in cutting

Dec 22

Today strong breeze wind and smoky weather got through cut in watches employed in clearing away the heads and starting works at midnight squally weather with large seas employed in boiling

Dec 23

This day blowing hard from SW. Bk lay to on port tacks under main lower topsails and staysails still boiling latter weather turn out bad put out the fire

Dec 24

Today blowing hard from SW. with heavy seas Bk lay to under staysails the blubber that was on deck put there down. Main hole at noon time moderately a little and start the fire again latter moderate some with Bk got through boiling employed in turning down the oil

Dec 25 This day began with strong breeze wind and rough seas Bk under lower topsails employed in running down the oil and stowing away the things latter wind moderately some

Dec 26

This day comes with light breeze wind and pleasant weather Bk under lower topsails. ~~Some~~ in morning raised school of sperm by Edmunds Moraes and lowered down four boats W.B. S.B. & B.A. got fast while chasing the school W.B. got fast again on large whale. iron broke. came on board. start cut in, watches employed clearing away the heads and started the fire latter strong breeze with heavy seas

Dec 27

Today employed in boiling Bk cruising around under lower topsails lately spring up squalls and rain after rain wind die out. to a calm. latter part of the day much as first saw grampuss got through boiling

Dec 28

All through this 24 hours strong breeze wind and rough seas Bk under upper topsails watches employed at various ship works latter wind moderately some saw several schools of grampuss