

Thursday, Jan. 1, 1885

Begins with a calm the ship under short sail employed in setting up fore Rigger Rove 3 New lineyards the old ones was badly chafed got out 1 shot of Toline out of tank in fore hold Middle sent a Can Latter sent a light breeze from N to NE made all sail ready from NW to NE ready off main Rig all see 2 sails steering to the SE Mus ends the Day

Latitude 18° 27' N
Longitude 33° 51' W
Friday, Jan. 2, 1885

Begins with a light breeze from NE & the weather clear the ship under sail heading NW employed in getting out water & at sunset shortened sail Middle sent a Can until 3 o'clock it breezed up from the stern at 15 minutes of 7 o'clock Latter sent the Captain Rippley raised a small school of sperm whales on weather Bearer 2 miles distant going slowly made sail and got to windward of them the whales were sealed worked off NW with them got the run of them and at half past 9 P M lowered Laboard and waist Boats shortly after waist Boat struck but few whales came to fast whale no chance for Laboard Boat to strike soon after the two men got the iron strap of fast Boat parted the strap the fast whale got among the school and turned the to windward NE last seen the whale at 11 o'clock went on Board and worked the ship after them Mus ends the Day

Latitude 18° 48' N
Longitude 26° 43' W

Saturday, Jan. 3, 1885

Begins with a strong breeze from NE the ship under fore sail, top and main Trawl on 2 hour Tacks working to the E after whales at sunset took in top heading N the wind halighted to Middle Latter sent a Can strong breeze from the stern with heavy sea running made no sail ready the Day ends the Day

Latitude 19° 28' N
Longitude 27° 25' W
Sunday, Jan. 4, 1885

Begins with a strong breeze from E the weather squally the ship under short sail heading N and NE a quiet a heavy sea on Middle Latter sent a strong breeze from E the weather squally at 13 o'clock of Middle sent word ship heading SE to see 2 Humpbacks 1 Finback Mus ends the Day

Latitude 19° 38' N
Longitude 27° 20' W
Monday, Jan. 5, 1885

Begins with a fresh breeze from E to NE the ship under short sail heading from SE to NE the weather squally one sail in sight at 3 o'clock of Latter sent word ship heading N the Latter sent a fresh breeze from the stern and very fogged employed in breaking out fore and main hole for Bread Malt Flour Molasses &c Mus ends the Day

Latitude 19° 32' N
Longitude 27° 34' W

Henry Stearns Forward hand to Day with Bowell Comptant