

Sch. Walter E. Smith of Edgartown Journal

Monday October 5th 1885

These 24 hours comes in with light winds from N.W. Sch. Steaming S.E. saw 1 number of Seals, saw turtle. Employed repairing fore top sail. Passed steamer Craigendores of Glasgow Steaming N. at sunset Steaming S.E. by 8 Light air from N.W. Lat. 35.58 N. Long. 74.39 W.

Tuesday Oct 6th

These 24 hours comes in with light air from N. to N.W. Sch. Steaming S.E. by 3. Saw 2 numbers of Seals. Employed repairing fore top sail and flying jib. Latter part winds the same. Steaming S.E. bent the top sail and flying jib. Lat. 35.50 N. Long. 73.18 W.

Wednesday Oct 7th

These 24 hours comes in with strong winds from N. Sch. Steaming S.E. Handed the main sail and three sails. Saw broken squid, employed. Steaming tobacco in back got out vinegar and alcohol. Steamed cheese in the back. Latter part winds much the same. Sch. Steaming S. at sunset Handed the jibs. Lat. 35.20 N. Long. 71.53 W.

Thursday Oct 8th

These 24 hours comes in with fresh winds from N.E. Sch. Steaming S. saw three Seals. Compared Long with A. Brucyan Bark on N. back. Employed getting out stores and saw fore staysail. Latter part light winds from N.E. Sch. Steaming S.W. at sunset saw White Holes and spouts. Could not make out that they were at dusk shortened sail hauled by the wind on N. back. Lat. 32.03 N. Long. 71.43 W.

of a Voyage Whaling, F. P. Taber Master

Friday October 9th

These 24 hours comes in with light winds from N.W. Sch. on N. back. at 7 A.M. had a gale from N.W. backed to W. S.W. at 9 A.M. Had a gale from N. Sch. Steaming W. S.W. saw two Seals saw Porpoises. Latter part strong winds from N.W. E. and rough sea. at 3 P.M. saw what we called sperm whales, going quick to N.W. chased them until sunset. they going away from us. at sunset shortened sail Sch. on N.W. back. one sail in sight. Lat. 31.50 N. Long. 72.57 W.

Saturday Oct 10th

These 24 hours comes in with fresh Seals from N.E. Sch. on N. back. at 6 A.M. Steaming N.W. saw Porpoises. Latter part fresh Seals and rough sea. Sch. Steaming S.W. cloudy. at 6 P.M. Haul led by the wind on N.E. back. Wind E. Sch. W. back. fore sail and fore staysail set. Lat. 31.30 N. E. at 10. Long. 73.08 W.

Sunday October 11th

These 24 hours comes in with a Gale from E. With rain at sunset Handed the fore staysail Sch. on N. back. Latter part a Gale from E. and much rain at dusk more moderate. set the fore staysail and main top sail. No Obs.

Monday Oct 12th

These 24 hours comes in with a Gale from N.E. Sch. on N. back. at 7 A.M. were ship. Steaming W. saw A. Brucyan Bark Steaming N. at 11 A.M. Squally rainy weather fore ship to E. S.E. Wind South at 1 P.M. were ship again Steaming W. Latter part moderating saw Porpoises. Wind N.E. Lat. 30.29 N. Long. 75.18 W.