

1887 Schooner Hattie E. Smith J. E. Bourne Master

Sunday Oct 8th

This Day begins with all the Boats chasing Whales at 2 P.M. Starboard Boat went on but did not fasten on account of there being no wind and Whales heard the Paddles. Whales started to leeward Starboard and Waist Boats after them but could not get to them. Came on board the vessel at 5³⁰ a dead Calm middle part Calm latter part light airs from the South so ends this Day

Lat 34° 20' North

Long 75° 01' West

Monday Oct 9th

This Day begins with a Calm at 12⁰⁰ saw Sperm Whale as far as could be seen from Mast Head with Glasses at 4 P.M. Lower three Boats but got no where near the Whales on account of Darkness coming on at 6⁰⁰ shortened sail for the night middle part strong breeze and clear at 6 A.M. Raised Sperm Whale at 7⁰⁰ lowered 3 Boats and chased Whales to leeward. Whales going quick so ends this Day

Lat 34° 18' North

Long 74° 10' West

Tuesday October 10th

This Day begins with Boats chasing Whales to leeward all the time. Boats trying to go on but Whales are to shy at 5 P.M. Waist Boat went on and fastened solid but the line was bit off by a loose Whale at once, came on board at 6 P.M. and shortened sail middle part fine and clear latter part strong breeze and heavy swell so ends this Day

Lat 33° 55' North

Long 74° 45' West

Whales Raised by J. E. Bourne

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Wednesday October 12th

This Day begins with light Wind and a good deal of sea at 2 P.M. raised Sperm Whales at 3 P.M. lowered 3 Boats and chased to leeward at 4 P.M. Starboard Boat in charge of Mr. Hutchinson went on and fastened and the 1st Mate at once seeing no loose Whales struck the same Whale and killed him at 5 P.M. had him fast along side and Boats up middle part very squally a gale springing up latter part a gale of Wind from the N.E. with heavy sea at 11 A.M. saw a school of Sperm Whales raised them from Deck to rugged to lower and to bad weather to cut in the one we got so ends this Day

Lat 33° 31' North

Long 74° 40' West

Thursday October 13th

This Day begins with Gale moderating slowly at 2 P.M. got up cutting gear and tried to cut the Whale but after a good trial had to give it up at 5 P.M. and let everything stand for the night middle part moderating latter part cut in the Whale and got ready to Boil so ends this Day

Lat 32° 56' North

Long 75° 22' West

Friday October 14th

This Day begins with fairly good weather at 2 P.M. started fire in the Try Works and commenced to Boil middle part moderate weather with a little rain finished Boiling at 2 A.M. and stowed it down at once on account of weather so ends this Day

Lat 32° 25' North

Long 75° 11' West

Whales Raised by William Hutchinson