

1859

Remarks on board Ship *Almira*, U. S.

Sunday Jan 30<sup>th</sup>

Commences with a gale from the North ship by the wind under short sail on Starboard tack heading North and sail in sight Middle part more moderate Latter part fine weather several whales in sight at 5 P.M. hauled three boats for their stow to the Starboard Boat got capsized lost the whale & a line, two sails in sight (saw) ship on either tack wind to the Northwards

Lat by Meridian Altitude 47.40 S  
Long by Chronometer 69.45 E

Monday Jan 31<sup>st</sup>

Commences with a strong breeze from the Northward with thick weather & rain ship by the wind on either tack. Saw several whales too thick to lower spoke & gained with the *Stephania* & whales this season two other sails in sight. Middle part wind hauled to the North west and commenced to blow with frequent rain squalls Latter part blowing heavy ship under close reefed Main & Mizzen Top sail Spencers & Star sail several whales in sight too rugged to lower two sails in sight (saw).

Lat by Meridian Altitude 47.38 S  
Long by Chronometer 69.15 E

Tuesday Feb 1<sup>st</sup>

Begins with thick overcast weather & strong breeze from the N.W. ship under double reefed top sail on fore another tack Middle part the same Latter part thick several whales in sight but too rugged to lower spoke the *Stephania* employed mending the Stow Boat so ends

No observations

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Smith Master, Cruising on *Dissolution*

Wednesday Feb 2<sup>d</sup>

Begins with a strong breeze from the N.W. ship on either tack under double reefed top sails and fell several whales in sight but too rugged to lower one sail in sight. Middle part wind increasing under close reefed top sail Spencers & Star sail. Latter part more moderate plenty of whales in sight but too rugged to lower 5 sails in sight employed mending a Stow Boat so ends

Lat by Meridian Altitude 47.57 S  
Long by Chronometer 69.47 E

Thursday Feb 3<sup>rd</sup>

Commences with strong breeze from the N.W. ship on either tack under double reefed top sails & courses making up 10 whales lowered the boat several times without success whales very shy 5 sails in sight. Middle part foggy gained with the *California* & *Stephania* Latter part thick (saw) so ends

No observations

Friday Feb 4

Commences with a thick foggy wind S.W. W. ship on either tack under short sail. at 6 AM closed up a little. raised a whale lowered the Boat but did not strike. Middle part thick & latter part overcast weather plenty of whales in sight lowered 3 boats struck both Starboard Boat but the second ran out the line of and we lost him. struck another to the Bow Boat the whale ran to windward had 8 haul to cut. a great days work so ends

No observations