

Remarks on board Ship Ronald of New Bedford

Thursday Sept 3rd fresh wind from the N. E. W. Steering S. E. under double reefed Top sails and Fore sail. Weather quite squally at 1 P.M. at 2 P.M. changed the course to S. E. W. and whole Fore and Main Top sails. one vessel in sight in morning. At 6 P.M. Steering about S. E. W. Weather quite squally. nothing in sight during the day. empty of passengers. Lat 39.27 Long 54.59

Friday Sept 4th fresh wind from the N. E. W. Steering S. E. W. under whole Fore and Main Top sails. Main Top gallant sail until 6 P.M. double reefed. The Fore Top sail and furlled the Main Top gallant sail. At 8 P.M. weather quite pleasant. empty of passengers. nothing in sight during the day. Lat 37.14 Long 54.59

Saturday Sept 5th

fresh wind from the N. E. W. Steering S. E. W. at 1 P.M. set whole Main Top sail and Top gallant sail. At 4 P.M. luffed to the wind and shortened sail heading about East. at 7 P.M. quite calm. at 8 P.M. took a light breeze from the N. E. W. Steering S. E. W. under 1/2 sail. going at the rate of 10 knots. weather clear. and very pleasant. nothing in sight during the day. Lat about 36.05 Long

John H. Gillies Commander

Sunday Sept 6th fresh wind continue from the N. E. W. Steering S. E. W. until 5 P.M. raised a school of sperm whales of the weather beam about four miles off. at 6 P.M. saw of them until 7 P.M. when it was so dark. they were large ones. At 7 1/2 P.M. shortened sail. weather pleasant. at 8 P.M. and stood on the Starboard tack until 12 o'clock. then went about. at 1 P.M. set Main sail and furlled Steering first one was there. the other all hands to Main head looking out. but nothing in sight at 11 P.M. a stick of timber parted about 1/2 the ship. wind quite strong. and a very rough sea. Lat 36.10 Long 54.50

Monday Sept 7th fresh wind from the N. E. W. at 1 P.M. luffed to the wind heading N. E. W. At 2 P.M. raised sperm whales about four miles off. 4 points of the weather bore. working to the leeward. At 4 P.M. we got them of our beam. we have seen three boats and went after them. we had not been down long before there came up a heavy squall. as we were going on to them the 2nd mate carried away his mast and our sail got afloat around the mast. just as Mr. Placem was going on to the only one that was on top of water another broke water under the 1st Boat. they thought to bring it his head. but it did not. farther. they then went to windward and the ship mist them of we chased them until after 7 P.M. then went about, without any thing. I shortened