

## Remarks on board Ship Herald of New Bedford

Sunday Sept 8. fresh wind from the S.W. Steering N.W. by E. until 6 Pm luffed to the wind heading N.W. and shortened sail. at 4 Pm sent down the Main top sail and bent another one. at 1 Pm wore ship and took in all sail except Spencers & Main sail. at 11 Pm a gale and a rough sea a rising nothing in sight from deck no one aloft. at 1 Pm weather quite clear

Monday Sept 9. Strong wind continue from the S.W. until 10 Pm it changed to the N.W. and moderated down and cleared off. for it had been raining since 4 Pm. at 1 Pm set double reefed Main top sail at 5 Pm set all sail except Fore and Main top gallant sail. on Barge in sight steering the same way as us. W.C. weather quite hazy. employed in looking out water. and putting about. Third boat said water in Cove hole to him ship Lat 36.19 Long 47.39

Tuesday Sept 10. Moderate wind from the N.W. Steering N.E. until 3 Pm changed to the S.W. at 4 Pm raised sperm about three miles off our quarter. but they proved to be Balloons. soon after we raised sperm whales off our bow going to wind-ward we got the boats ready and heaved up got quite near them but not near enough to fasten and second boat got so near to them that she dashed and chased them until dawn set. then went aboard and took in the light sails and reefed the top sails. whales going about N.W. one Barge in sight steering N.E.

## John H. Gillies Commander

a merchantman. weather quite favorable. at 1 Pm took in fore Main sail and Spanker. at 10 Pm wind increasing took in the Fore and Main top sails and Fore-sail and Spencers. steering N.W. wind from the N.W. blowing quite strong. weather quite squally Lat 35.10 Long 47.40

Monday Sept 11. Strong wind continue from the N.W. continue luffing too under double reefed Main top sail and Spanker. at 5 Pm set Fore and Main top sail. Courses, jib and Spanker. continue steering to the N.E. until 8 Pm wore ship. as we were going around we raised sperm whales. having about S.E. two miles off. heading to leeward. we steered for them until 8 1/2 Pm then hauled those boats and went after them. we chased them until 9 Pm then went aboard. all the boats were near getting first. we got aboard at 9 1/2 Lat 35.48 Long 47.59

Tuesday Sept 12. we continue chasing them until 2 Pm then went aboard all boats got aboard 2 1/2 Pm. whales still in sight all around. at 4 Pm we lowered the same three boats. and steered for some off to leeward about one and a half miles off. we had not been down long before we got sight of them the 1st whale came very near getting on when we got within about a boats length he heaved us and