

Remarks on board Ship Herald of New Bedford

Saturday Jan 6th light wind from the Eastward steering S. by E. under all sail, until 1 Pm putted the light sail & Main sail. closed down the Top Sails but did not reef them. weather very pleasant. at 4 Am set all sail at 4 Am raised a Bark cutting in a Whale off our lee beam we steered for her until 1 Pm got within about a mile of her, raised Sperm Whales about three miles off bearing N. by E. we luffed for them got within about 1 1/2 miles and lowered three Boats we chased them until about 10 Am the 2nd fastened and no sooner had the Boats struck him and he rolled up and smashed the Boat into splinters. there was not a piece left worth picking up the Capt. lowered and picked up the crew and sail & Co. no one dangerously injured. it is a wonder the third mate went on and fastened to the Whale. He tried to smash him, he tried so hard enough he knocked three Oars out of the Boat. we see that he was taking line fast & there just in time to bend on he took out about three fathoms of our line and dropped it overboard in line until we got to the Schooner line and gave it to him and we went and tried to get on to him but could not. The 4th shot a Cannon through him but it did not explode in him.



Lat
48.00
Long
50.00



John A. Gillies Commander cruising for Sperm Whales in Lat 31.4.38.00 Long about 60.00

Sunday Jan 14th Moderate wind, continue S. by E. steering N. W. until 1 Pm shortened sail to double reefed Top Sails. at 4 Am set all sail at 11 1/2 Am wind increasing took in the light Sails. weather favorable, nothing in sight during the day to speak of.

Monday Jan 15th fresh wind from the Northward steering to the Westward at 1 Pm shortened sail to double reefed Main Top Sail. at 4 Am set whole Top Sails, Toppers, Gobs & Spanker. at noon wind quite light. weather hazy. employed in breaking out Provisions Bread and Meat. nothing in sight but Gampas.

Tuesday Jan 16th Moderate wind from the N. W. at 6 Pm set in Hogg. and fasted about two & a half hours. at 1 Pm shortened sail to double reefed Main Top Sail. at 4 Am set all sail except the Top gallant sail. wind very light weather hazy. employed necessarily nothing in sight during the day.

Wednesday Jan 17th light breeze from the Eastward at 1 Pm shortened sail to double reefed Top Sails weather very pleasant. at 4 Am set all sail. one Bark about three miles of bearing S. by E. steering about N. by E. employed variously.
(Merchant man)