

afternoon some rain. Last night saw a merchant bark crossing our wake under reefed sails and seemed to labor quite hard in the irregular sea. It is still raining and the prospect is a desolate gloomy night for as when we think of our home firesides, comfortable quarters with plenty of friends in the bargain. It is a consolation to think they at least enjoy the influence of the domestic circle while these dark and stormy nights we attend to the various duties on deck or feel our way stiff to rest or take in the wet and heavy sails as occasion requires. No obs.

Nov. 4.th

Morning stormy and wind not abated towards night rather moderating. Set & sail double reefed. Lat 36° 28' Lon.

Nov 5.th Sunday

Some change in wind and weather the former light and the latter quite pleasant. Still a heavy swell. Made a sail this morning in the afternoon spoke her proved to be bark Nimrod Capt. Green from Sag Harbour 12 months out. 30 bbls Sp. on board. Capt. has his wife. Gained was acquainted with some of the crew. Lat 36° 48' Lon.

Nov 6.th

Morning light showers and little wind. About noon wind came from the N. increasing

Saw the Nimrod. This afternoon growing rugged. Raised a school of Sp. whales and lowered away for them. S. B. went on to one and struck as ill luck would have it the iron drew and could not reach them again. In a short time they were as far as the eye could extend to windward and going fast. Thus again "we have met them but they are not ours". Before night the wind and sea rose so that we took in St. sail, St. T. sail, and No. sail, and double reefed No. T. sail. To night the prospect is anything but cheering. Lat 36° 20' Lon. 10° 19'.

Nov 7.

Gale continued this morning from the same quarter. Towards night more moderate. Set St. sail, and St. T. sail with 2 reefs. Lat 36° 00' Lon. 10° 15'.

Nov. 8.

Light breeze from S. th. and pleasant hot all sail on again. Saw a sail this afternoon steering easterly probably a merchantman. Lat 35° 47' Lon. 10° 21'.



Nov. 9.

Thus we commence the season: Good weather a right whale and a Stoven boat. Raised them this morning in several lots about the same time 2 vessels chasing them a