

Ship Shoal off Puerto Plata

Saturday December 12 1846

Begins with strong breezes from the S by W at sunset
All sail made S by W at sunset
Taken sail had by the wind Starboard Tacks on
Board some nothing this day but for tacks
Middle part light breezes at 4 AM were ship heading
N at daylight made sail at 8 AM 9 AM were ship
Cut of the W W W were ship closely hunched so ends

Latitude by alt 46-00
Long by Cor 56-38 W

Sunday Dec 13 Begins with fresh gales from the
S S W at noon Course W by N at 5 PM wind light
And out of the W W W at sunset took in sail
Starboard Tacks on board Middle part pleasant breezes at
Daylight made sail at 10 AM fresh gales had on
Galley bar 2 reaps in for and Mazon top sails so ends

Latitude by alt 45-50
Long 57-50 W

Monday Dec 14 Begins with strong breezes and
Rough At 1 PM saw a Guinea whale to the
Seeward board for him at 3-30 PM the leeward
Boat got fast with 1 iron the bow boat struck 1 iron
And observed the whale took to running and bounding
Not get a long side of him about 6-30 PM the
Starboard boat iron board but the whale bore three
Leat after got fast the Captain & Mr Phillips bore
Came on board took in sail at 4 AM or more
Whale in sight Middle strong breezes at 4 AM
Gales at daylight made sail ship back out at
5 AM saw 3 sperm whales at 5-30 bore
The leeward bow & Starboard boats at 9-30 AM the
Starboard struck Starboard boat The whale
Sounded and took the line the Starboard boat
Struck the same whale bounded and took the
line bow bent on I went to the ship got
At line struck the whale and fetched him
to the M the Ends Boats off at 4-45 PM

Latitude 45-45 S
Long 59-55 W

Tuesday Dec 15 Begins with moderate breezes
And at heavy swell and raised boats off
fast to a whale at 2 PM got the whale
off long side got ready for cutting took on at 3 PM
Cut & his line till 6-30 PM board for a whale did
Not get fast came on board a good many whale in
sight Middle and latter part light breezes and
Saw 4th part employed cutting and making down work of
at 4 AM were ship heading to W by N by ends
2 1/2 months out to

So ends

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Wednesday Dec 16 Commences with pleasant weather
Wind from the S E got through at 10 PM head
luck No work at 7 PM commenced to rain but backing
Weather at 1 AM Commence to blow a gale of wind
from S E Starboard Tacks on board At 9 AM were ship
2 reaps in main top sail and for top mast staysail
A River throughout so ends

No observations

Thursday Dec 17 Commences with a gale of with wind from
The S E Starboard Tacks on board one watch employed cutting
Junk the short sail Middle & latter fresh gales from the
S E at 1 PM were ship at 9 AM were ship
at top sails 2 reaps cleared up more moderate Commence
Boiling all hands employed so ends

Latitude by alt 46-05

Friday Dec 18 Begins with fresh gales and rough
4 AM saw 3 sperm whales at 5 AM saw 1 whale
All hands employed in boiling at 6 PM took
in sail had by the wind Starboard Tacks on board
A ship to leeward at 7 PM saw a dead whale to
Seeward board A boat pulled to him 3 sperm whale
With a fluke came on one iron reported to be
Long to the above ship came on board haul it
back the main yard and let the signal
brace full the main yard at dark the whale
about 1 mile off the above ship about 3
Miles would light breeze at 1 PM were ship made
sail at daylight about 9 AM saw the above
ship take the above whale a long side saw 2 more
ships at 9 Course S strong breezes so ends

Latitude by alt 45-30 S
Long by Cor 58-12 W

Saturday Dec 19 The
Begin with strong breezes from the S S W at
2 PM had by the wind Starboard Tacks on board
All hands employed boiling 3 ships in light at
6-30 PM took in sail more ship middle light breezes
Latter light breezes and thick fog all hands
employed boiling and stowing down and
fresh water so ends wind W by N by ends

Latitude by alt 45-25 S
Long by Cor 58-04 W

Sunday Dec 20 Commences with a thick fog light
Breeze from the W Starboard Tacks on board
All hands employed boiling out the stowing
Down got boiling at 7 AM middle light breeze
Latter strong breezes and rough tydemills out all hands
employed stowing down oil in the main hatch way
at 8 AM were ship heading to W by N by ends

Latitude by alt 45-25 S
Long by Cor 58-04 W