

Remark on board the Bark Ocean Steed in North
Russell Master

Thursday September the 8th 1840

This day commenced with light winds from W the ship steering E. S. E. heavy sea at sundown took in light sails still steering the same at 9 pm luffed to too the wind heading S. S. W. At 9 pm strong winds took in up to 12 sails at 10 pm the wind varied to the North more ship to the S. W. Middle part light showers of rain at day light made all sail 3 sails in sight saw black fish & porpoises employed on ships duty the ship steering E. S. E. so ends this day
Latitude by obs 41° 30' Longitude by Chron 49° 30' W

Friday September the 9th 1840

First part of the day commenced with very pleasant winds & light showers of rain 2 sails in sight at 4 pm spoked the Bark tarpie Bard of New Bedford 24 Mals out to from home with one hundred & 50 Bbls of sperm oil & one hundred Bbls of Whal oil at sundown the weather a bout the sun took in main top gallant sail & flying jib & all the main sail up the ship heading W by the wind Middle part light weather at day light wore ship to the S. E. & set light sail at 6 am saw very large shoaled of sperm whales going to the S. W. lowered 3 boats the 1st Boat struck & drew from him 3 sails in sight latter part the whales still in sight & the boats still off so ends the Sat 41° 30' Long 49° 50' W

Saturday September the 10th 1840

First part of this day very light weather the boats still after the whales at 2 pm the 1st boat struck again & drew from again spoked Bark John Dawson with one small whale at 4 pm one came on board with out succeed at sundown took in ship to the S. E. by E & took in all light sails Middle part very cloudy at day light wore ship to the E one sail in sight set all sail & braked out water at 9 am saw a rather shoaled of sperm whales at 10 am lowered 11 boats at 11 am one came on board with out succeed so ends day

Atlantic Ocean Looking for Sperm Whales.

Sunday September the 11th 1840

First part of this day commenced with very thick weather & raining took in all light sails at 2 pm heavy rain at 3 pm saw John Dawson & the tarpie Bard the sea very thick & heavy raining & fresh winds from the South at 7 pm took up the lee boat the weather still very thick & raining at 9 pm fresh gales from South took in all sail all boat low main top sail at made write the gale very fresh at day light made moderate one sail in sight at 8 am set main sail & jib & for & main up sails mizzen to stay sail so ends this day Latitude 46° 18' N Longitude by Chron 41° 31' W

Monday September the 12th 1840

First part of this day commenced with very pleasant winds but heavy sea at one pm more ship to the N. N. E. the wind variable at sundown took in the light sails still steering by the wind heading W by S the wind still from S. at 4 pm set the boats down & took in up fore top sail at 10 pm took in up main top sail & set middle part strong winds from S. W. took in all sail all boat up main top sail & took up the boats again at day light fresh gale & clear better part the same very heavy sea so ends this day Latitude by obs 40° 58' N Long 41° W

Tuesday September the 13th 1840

First part of this day commenced with very heavy gale from S. W. we lay to too the wind heading at 3 pm carried away flying jibboom the gale still fresh at sundown a bout the same Middle part still strong wind & very rugged at day light employed repairing jib jibboom saw 2 sails latter part still rugged still employed on jibboom the weather very cloudy so ends this day
Lat 40° 44' N Long 46° 58' W