

Remarks on board the Vark Ocean Steed in the
Russell, Master

Tuesday September the 20th 1840

First part of the day commenced with strong winds from S.W. the ship heading N by E. At 3 pm wore ship to the S.E. & took in the fore & fore sail. At sundown the wind still fresh & heavy sea on & rain squally. Middle part more moderate but heavy sea on & very cloudy. At day light set fore sail & sails in sight the wind veered to the E the heading W & S.W. At 9 am wore ship to the S still 3 sails in sight the weather still very rugged so ends this day. Latitude by alt 39° 9' N Longitude 47° 39' W

Wednesday September the 21st 1840

First part of this day commenced with strong winds from the E & heavy sea on & very cloudy the sails still in sight. At 4 pm spoked all 3 Comadore. Morris & Leontest & the topie ward the Comadore Morris & Tarpe paid, raising Comadore Morris got 3 Comadore & 30 fathoms & the Ocean Steed with only one hundred & 80 fathoms. At sunset the weather very rugged middle part strong winds took in all sails. At day light more moderate set all top sails one sail in sight. At midday saw a shoal of sperm whales going up by the ship to the N.E. did not law the wind to fresh so ends this day. Lat 39° 13' N Long 48° 10' W

Thursday September the 22nd 1840

First part of the day strong winds from the East the ship heading to the North 3 sails in sight at sunset the weather a part the same middle part fresh breeze. At day light set all top sails 2 sails in sight, braked out main hold & got out water & stowed down 38 fathoms of sperm oil the weather very pleasant still 2 sails in sight so ends this day. Lat 39° 31' N Long 49° 8'

North Atlantic Ocean cruising for Sperm Whales

Friday September the 23rd 1840

First part of this day fine pleasant weather still employing stowing 32 fathoms of oil one mile in sight the ship heading N.E. the wind from S.W. At sundown the weather a part the same middle part pleasant. At day light wore ship to the S.W. 3 sails in sight latter part the weather a part same so ends this day. Lat 39° 19' N Longitude by chor 46° 51' W

Saturday September the 24th 1840

First part of this day pleasant weather sails in sight & we commenced hoisting 2 casks of head oil. At 5 pm tacked ship to the N.N.E. with all sail set middle part fresh winds. At day light braked out main hold to stowed 2 casks of sperm oil. At 8 am saw one sail. At 9 am took a heavy squally blow down the top sails latter part more moderate. At eleven finished stowing the oil so ends this day. Lat 40° 4' N Long 46° 52' W

Sunday September the 25th 1840

First part of day fresh breeze from the N.W. the ship heading N by E set fore top sails. At 3 pm wore ship to the S.W. by S. At sunset the weather a part the same middle part still fresh breeze & very rugged. At day light wore ship to the N.E. W. At 8 am saw small white water. At 10 am saw one sail. At 10.30 saw shoal of small whales. At 11 am lower 2 sails. At midday struck one 20 fathoms whale so ends this day. Lat 40° 1' N

