

Remarks on Board the Bark Ocean Steer
Russell Master

Saturday March the 11th 1871

This 24 hours commenced with fine weather the ship heading to the N. N. E. with all sail out one sail in sight. Bowed to the S. E. at sunset took in the light sail & hauled up main sail & fore sail still heading N. N. E. by the wind at 8 A.M. wore ship to the S. E. at day light wore ship again to the N. N. E. & set all sail still employed on ship duty saw nothing so ended this day
Lat 13.53 - Long 42.09

Sunday March the 12th 1871

This day commenced with fine breeze & cloudy the ship steering N. N. W. at 2 A.M. heeled to starboard the wind heading N. N. E. at 4 A.M. saw a shoal of Black fish at sunset took in the light sail & hauled up main sail & fore sail Middle part the weather a but the same at day light wore ship to the S. E. & set fore sail & main sail & the stay sail saw nothing so ended this day
Lat 14.12 - Long 42.42

Monday March the 13th 1871

This 24 hours commenced with fresh breeze & very cloudy the ship heading S. E. at sunset took in the stay sail & hauled up main sail & fore sail Middle part the weather a but the same one sail in sight at day light we wore ship to the N. N. E. & set fore sail at 8 P.M. set main sail saw nothing so ended this day
Lat 13.46

Long 42.27

in the North Atlantic ocean Sailing fore
sperm whales

Tuesday March the 14th 1871

First part of this day commenced with strong winds & very hazy employed on ship duty one sail in sight at sunset hauled up main sail & fore sail still heading to the N. N. E. Middle part fresh wind & rugged at day light wore ship to the S. E. at 8 P.M. on Bent main sail to repaired saw nothing so ended this day
Lat 13.56 - Long 42.40

Wednesday March the 15th 1871

This day commenced with fresh winds & rugged the ship steering S. W. still employed repairing the main sail & heeled to starboard the wind heading S. E. at day light sunset took in all light sail & hauled up fore sail still heading S. E. Middle part fresh wind & still rugged at day light wore ship to the N. N. E. & set fore sail & main sail & main top gallant sail at 8 P.M. took in main top gallant sail again saw nothing so ended this day
Lat 13.37 - Long 42.24

Thursday March the 16th 1871

First part of this day commenced with strong winds & rugged the ship still heading N. N. E. at sunset hauled up main sail & fore sail & clewed down upper fore top sail Middle part still fresh wind & rugged at day light heeled off at 6 P.M. saw a shoal of sperm whales going to the S. hauled down 8 boats at 8 P.M. struck a small whale at noon took him along side & cutting him in so ended this day
Lat 14.01

Long 42.48

