

Remarks on Board the Bark Ocean Steed in the Pacific
Russell Master

Friday August the 11th 1871
First part employed butting at 9 am finished
butting the weather still very fine Middle
part still fine weather at day light com-
menced bailing at 9 pm very heavy rain
so ended this day Lat 37° 45' N
Long 43° 45' W

Saturday August the 12th
This day commenced with very heavy rain
at 3 am light up again & started work again
at sunset the weather pleasant employed
Bailing Middle & latter part fine pleasant
weather still employed Bailing so ended this
day Lat 37° 47' N
Long 43° 48' W

Sunday August the 13th
This day commenced with very light weather
still employed bailing at 5 am wore ship
to the N.E. at 8 am wore ship to the west
again Middle & latter part still fine weather
still employed Bailing saw black fish so
ended this day Lat 37° 45' N
Long 43° 41' W

Monday August the 14th
First part of this day tacked ship to the
N.W. still employed Bailing at 8 am
finished Bailing the whale made a but
35 lbs Middle & latter part fine weather
still employed on ship duty so ended
this day Lat 37° 40' N
Long 43° 47' W

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Atlantic Ocean Cruising for Sperm Whales

Tuesday August the 15th 1871
First part fine light weather still cruising
at sunset took in light sail, the ship
heading N.W. by the wind Middle part
still fine weather at 1 pm wore ship to the
South & braced out the main hall to stowed
down oil at 11 pm wore ship to the N.W. or
so ended this day Lat 38° 02' N
Long 43° 58' W

Wednesday August the 16th
First part employed stowed down all stow-
ed down 45 Bbls of head oil at 5 am took
in the upper top sail & with fresh breeze
the ship still heading N.W. Middle part
still light weather at day light commenced
stowing down oil again at 8 pm took a
rain squally latter part more moderate
so ended this day Lat 38° 31' N
Long 44° 22' W

Thursday August the 17th
First part stowing down oil stowed a
but 80 Bbls at 3 am finished stowed
down at 6 am wore ship to the S.W. Middle
& latter part strong wind & squally
employed on ship duty saw one seal so
ended this day Lat 38° 34' N
Long 44° 47' W

Friday August the 18th
First part strong wind & squally
& very rugged saw one seal & pursued the
ship & made a but saw top sail, fore sail & jib
heading S.W. Middle & latter part
fresh breeze & squally & very rugged the
ship heading N.W. by S still employed
on ship duty so ended this day Lat 37° 52' N
Long 43° 22' W