

Bark Tara In the South Atlantic Ocean

1864

Friday Dec 9th

Begins with a calm and pleasant middle part a fresh breeze from WSW Steer SE with all sail set last part fresh with squalls Bent the fore top sail nothing in sight but fair backs so ends this day

Lat obs 39° 54' S

Long by Chron 20° 24' E

Saturday Dec 10th

Begins with a moderate breeze from SW with pleasant weather middle part strong wind with squalls Steer SE look in the light sails last part the same day Right whales board got one so ends this day

Lat obs 39° 46' S

Long by Chron 22° 46' E

Sunday Dec 11th

Begins with light wind from WSW employed cutting at 8 PM finished set Boat crew watches for the night the weather calm and pleasant one off duty with a fair wind last part light from the eastward saw whales board chased for nothing so ends this day

Lat obs 39° 11' S

Long by Chron 22° 55' E

Round to the Eastward

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Monday Dec 12th

Begins with light breeze from the eastward Steering SW started the works at 3 PM saw more whales board three boats struck two got two boats there saved one whale and sunk the other middle part lying by the whale last part cut the whale Paul killed and took him along side so ends this day

Lat obs 38° 40' S

Long by Chron 23° 22' E

Tuesday Dec 13th

Begins with a fresh breeze from NW with pleasant weather ship heading NNE cutting and hauling at 8 PM finished cutting middle part pleasant last part the same all very busy about the ship at various jobs Mike off duty blind with soar eyes and like to be as long as he remains in the ship

Lat obs 38° 22' S

Long by Chron 24° 12' E

Wednesday Dec 14th

Begins with fine pleasant weather from the westward ship head SSW employed hauling middle part fresh breeze from NW heading WSW under short sail with a heavy sea saw nothing but fair backs so ends this day Mike off

Lat by obs 39° 18' S

Long by Chron 24° 07' E