

Ship Leonidas Cruising For Whales

Monday 24 of September 1838

All these 24 hours fine breezes from N.W. to N.E. midl & later some foggy at 5 P.M. Saw 11 sail bearing S.W. Saw finbacks

Latitude 34° 54'

Tuesday 25

First & Middle parts lively breezes from N.W. & some fog later fresh from N.W. & clear. Saw several finbacks at 11 saw 11 sail of Weather born Double reefed 2 tacks aboard heading N.W. some albatrosses in sight

Latitude 35° 33'

Wednesday 26

All these 24 hours fresh gails from N.W. to S.W. first part flying Clouds at 30th P. Meridian spoke ship Komles Sagharbauer wofles at 2 P.M. raised 11 Wright whale. lowered

Did not get near him he was going to windward to part Middle squally later overcast at 8 raised 11 whale. lowered all 3 boats without success the sea very rough. Saw 11 good number of birds So Ends under Double reefs Standing to the West

Latitude 35° 19'

Long at 3 P.M. 63° 32'

Thursday 27

First & Middle parts fresh gails from South & passing Clouds later more moderate. Saw nothing

Friday 28

First & Middle parts light breezes from S.W. fine weather at 2 P.M. lowered for 11 whale & saw him but once more. Saw several finbacks 11 tacks aboard all these 24 hours later part lively breeze from N.W. & overcast

A good number of birds Latitude 35° 25'

Saturday 29

First part strong breezes from N.W. At 1 P.M. tacked ship to N.W. at 4 Double reefed later strong gails squally & rain at 8 P.M. wind shifted to S.W. cleared up at 10 set Double reefs

Latitude 35° 30' 14'

Long at 2 P.M.

Indian Ocean Herman A. Stuart

Sunday 30 Day of September 1838

All these 24 hours fresh breezes from S.W. flying Clouds At 8 A.M. 11 Barque past to windward about 5 miles Distance standing to wind S.E. at 9 tacked to S.W. So Ends hale 11 sails & carcasses set. Saw nothing but birds

Latitude 33° 32'

Long at 3 30 P.M. 65° 18' E

Monday 1 Day of October

First part fresh breezes from S.W. flying Clouds At 4 spoke Marquis Cavalier Salem one whale Boiling tacked ship to wind at sunset C reefed Middle & later parts wind light weather fine at 6 30 tacked ship to South winds N.W. Saw 11 Wright whale going fast to windward lowered but the Devil it was no youse he was of the 11 hog in 11 storm nose down

Latitude 33° 52'

Long at 2 P.M. 64° 28'

Tuesday 2

First & Middle parts light breezes from West hazy weather later fresh from N.W. Clouds standing to South & 11 saw finbacks

Latitude 34° 48'

Long 64° 38'

Wednesday 3

All these 24 hours strong breezes from N.W. to N.W. & overcast under Double reefs S.T. Aboard a good many birds around at 6 P.M. saw 11 Right whale going to windward fast did not lower

Latitude 25° 46'

Thursday 4

Commences with fresh gails from N.W. Clouds At 2 P.M. wind shifted to S.W. in 11 squall & rain took in sail & headed to the westward Middle light breezes & foggy Ends with fresh gails from S.W. thick & raining At 11 took in sail No observation

Friday 5

First & Middle parts fresh gails from S.W. thick & rainy at 4 P.M. wore ship to S.W. At 4 sun broke out later part wind light from South steering N.W. At 8 lowered for 11 Wright whale Did not faser So Ends weather fine lively ground

Latitude 35° 23'

Long at 2 P.M. 62° 58'