

Remarks on Board of Ship Mearns of New Bedford

Sunday August 11th 1861 is First part Foggy heading 1. The S.W. found one of the crop trees of the topmast broke took it down and made a new one. Mizzzen Middle part Foggy. Latter part light breezy & cloudy heading to the N.E. Saw Finbacks

Monday Aug¹²th Continues light breezy & cloudy heading to the Eastward. Middle part Foggy. Latter part clear weather 7 AM. Saw R.W. & covered & chased 10. O.C. took up the boat heading to the N.E. Saw more Whales & Plenty Finbacks

Tuesday Aug¹³th Fine clear weather 12.30 Covered for R.W. chased but could not catch one. 3 PM took up the boat steering to the N.E. Middle & Latter part Strong breezy & hazy weather heading various ways Saw a strange vessel a Whaling Ends cloudy

Wednesday Aug¹⁴th Continues strong breezy heading various ways 3.30 Saw R.W. Covered 3 Boats. Waist Boat got to the Whale & dived but the Whale perceived the Boat & settled. Middle and Latter part Strong breezy & cloudy 9.30 AM Spoke Bark Genl. Scott. Humming of R.W. 3.4 AM out 1600 bbls all sold. So Ends

Thursday Aug¹⁵th Continues strong breezy heading to the Eastward in company with the G.L. Middle & Latter part strong Gale heading on different tack. E.C. in sight

Friday Aug¹⁶th Continues the same. Middle and Latter part more moderate made sail & shored by the Wind to the N.E. Saw Finbacks & the G.L. So Ends

Henry Eldridge Master Cruising in Schook S.E.A.

Saturday August 17th 1861 is Commences moderate breezy & hazy weather steering by the Wind to the S.W. Started 2 bbls 1500 & 2 bbls 1000. Middle & Latter part Light breezy & Foggy. Saw Finbacks & nothing else. Thick Fog.

Sunday Aug¹⁸th Continues Foggy. Middle part the same. Latter part Light breeze & clear weather. Saw one quantity of Finbacks. Covered ON & B.O.A. and gave chase. Could not catch one. So Ends This Day

Monday Aug¹⁹th First part cloudy & calm. Middle part light breezy going aback. Latter part Light breezy & cloudy steering to the Eastward Bark Genl Scott in sight. & Finbacks

Tuesday Aug²⁰th Continues light breezy and cloudy. Saw the E.C. boat in chase of Whales Spoke her. Middle part steering North. Latter part Moderate breezy & cloudy steering N.E.

Wednesday Aug²¹th First part Moderate breezy & cloudy steering N.E. Middle part Foggy. Latter part Moderate & Thick Rainy weather steering N.E. G.W. L.C. R.P.M. & S. Theore.

Thursday Aug²²th Continues Dirty weather steering N.E. Middle and Latter part Thick Fog.

Friday Aug²³th Continues Moderate and Foggy steering N.E. Saw Finbacks. Middle and Latter part thick & Rainy. Going aback.

Saturday Aug²⁴th Continues thick & Rainy. Middle part the same. Latter part the sun shone for about 4 hours & then it came in. Foggy again steering N.E. by E. So Ends