

Margaret Cruising in the Indian Ocean

Tuesday
November 8th
1836
Commenced with strong Gale from NW
Boats N & running under Plot West 1/2 N
At 5 pm saw more ships called
them & finally lay to all right at
6 Am kept her N & E under close Rime
& main topails saw 2 right whale and
a finback blowing strong Gale as did
N & E saw at 10 Am took in sail and
lay to lat 27° 15' S long 58° 15' E

Wednesday
November 9th
1836
Commenced with strong Gale from NW
lay too headed to the N & E & e middle
and latter more moderate due 2 right whale
Going to windward quick at 10 Am Gale
in breast so ends lat 25° 54' S long 58° 39' E

Thursday
November 10th
1836
Commenced with strong Gale from
NW & E head Aing to N & E at 2 pm
Gale increased lay to the ship to at 4 pm
squalls accompanied with rain & e e
All the middle part moderate latter the
same with fine breezes from N & E
Saw a number of finbacks so ends this
Latitude 25° 15' S Longitude 58° 17' E

Friday
November 11th
1836
Commenced fine weather gently breezed from
N & E and a by swell from N & E saw several fin
backs at 4 pm saw 2 cross at 6 pm took
in sail as usual and lay to middle
and latter parts fine weather hands employed
hauling fore spinnec saw finbacks & e
so ends this D lat 25° 55' S longitude 57° 59' E

Saturday
November 12th
1836
Commenced with fine weather light breeze from
N & E hands employed in mending
fore spinnec at 2 pm tacked to N & E saw
several finbacks but proved to be finbacks
saw 2 carcas middle and latter parts
fine weather saw 4 whales and ships 1 mackerel
than and one whaler manouvering at 8 pm
saw 2 whales going quick did not catch in
lat 25° 23' S Longitude 58° 15' E

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Sunday
November
the 13th
1836
Commenced with Calms and light air from
N & E Star 10 PM the other ship to windward
manouvering & e wind at 4 pm continued
bary light till the middle part fine weather
latter the same at 5 Am saw whales load and
got one star him along side commenced cutting
saw more load star waste boat got one for
waste load got store so ends lat 25° 23' S

Monday
November
14th
1836
Commenced with fine weather lay cutting the other
ship got fast to five whales in about 2 hours
and cut from them all at 5 pm cutting
commenced boiling latter part fine weather
saw a number of whales load 2 boats 2 times
struck one iron crew so ends lat 25° 44' S

Tuesday
November
15th
1836
Commenced with fine weather continue
boiling whales in sight at 2 pm saw 2
at 4 pm load for 2 whale to no success
middle part weather fine all the middle
fine latter parts strong wind with bare sand
for whales 4 times one boat struck and drew
so ends this 24 hours lat 26° 10' S

Wednesday
November
16th
1836
Commenced with raining haze latter continue
boiling at 2 pm load for another whale but
coming up thick did not get him at 5
continued boiling at 6 Am finback broke out
at 8 pm load for 2 whales struck one and drew
from him came and load began stowing saw
a sail so ends lat 25° 39' S long 58° 30' E

Thursday
November
17th
1836
Commenced with light winds from N & E
Star to the E at 6 pm finback starting & e
saw 11 bbs at 7 pm shortened sail as usual
middle and latter parts fine weather saw
whales load and got one at 10 pm load
and got another commenced cutting struck
another and drew from him nothing
more so ends this 24 hours lat 25° 44' S
long 58° 00' E